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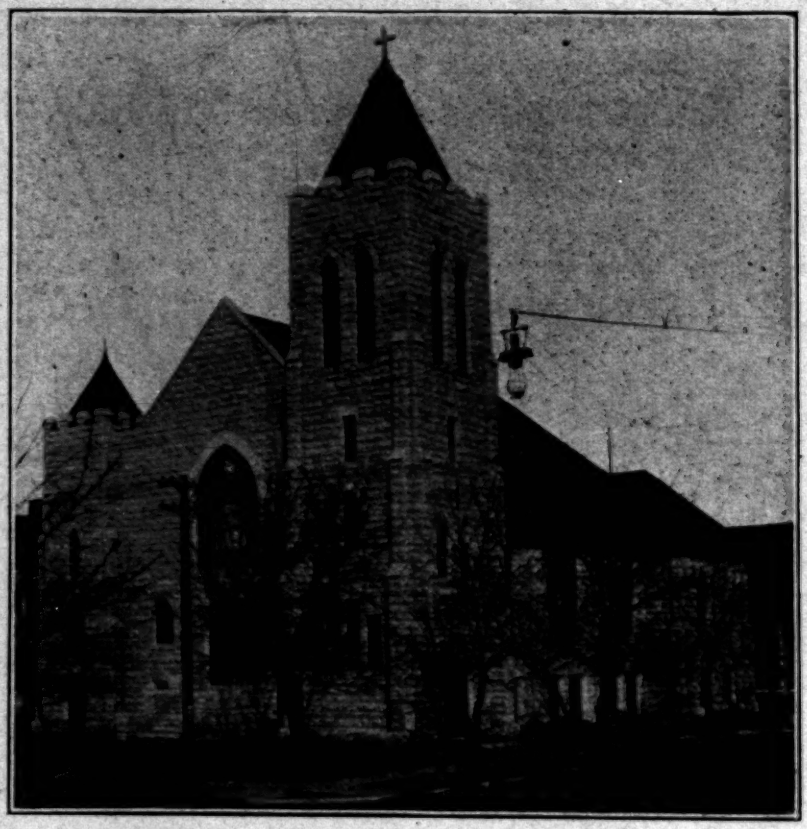

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The first church was built in 1889 under the supervision of Rev. Geo. H. Trabert, then pastor of St. John's congregation and the first English Lutheran missionary northwest of Chicago. The congregation was organized in 1890. The first regular pastor was Rev. R. L. Leatherman, who served it from 1891 to 1896. In October, 1897, the Rev. George H. Trabert, D. D., was called from Wilkesbarre, Pa. In 1904 the beautiful new church was built. It is the most churchly in its appointments of all our churches in the West.

Minutes.

Opening Service.

The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest held its sixteenth annual meeting in the Salem English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn. The meeting began Tuesday evening, June 19, 1906, at 8 o'clock p. m. The service of Confession and Absolution was conducted by the president. This was followed by the Chief Service with the Lord's Supper. The secretary conducted the altar service. The Rev. A. J. Reichert, president of the Central Conference, read the Scripture lessons. The synodical sermon was preached by the Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, president of the Synod. "In fear is our weakness, in faith our strength."

The Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., president of the Eastern Conference, conducted the communion service and assisted the president of the Synod in the administration.

The president appointed the Revs. C. L. Warstler, G. K. Rubrecht, and Willis Beck, committee on credentials.

First Session.

Wednesday, June 20, 1906, 9 o'clock a. m.

The first business session began with matins, conducted by the secretary. The Synod was then formally opened by the president, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, according to the order for opening of synods.

The roll of ministers was called. The credential committee at this and later sessions reported credentials received from twenty lay delegates. Three ministers were received at later sessions, making the roll of synod as follows:

ROLL OF SYNOD.

Ministers	Ordained	Entered Synod	Lay Delegates	Parishes
1. G. H. Trabert, D. D.	1870	1898	E. G. Segerstrom	Salem Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
2. W. K. Frick, D. D.	1873	1891	L. G. J. Mack	Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.
3. S. W. Kuhns	1875	1895		No Charge
4. A. J. D. Haupt	1884	1891	H. Haubert	Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn.
5. Alfred Ramsey	1885	1896		Professor in Chicago Seminary
6. H. K. Gebhart	1889	1895	James Harms	First English Lutheran, Platteville, Wis.
7. A. J. Reichert	1890	1901	W. J. Mehrkens	St. Paul's Church, Red Wing, Minn.
8. J. L. Murphy	1891	1905	H. O. H. Munson	St. John's Church, Duluth, Minn.
9. J. J. Clemens	1896	1903	Tollef Evjen	Holy Trinity Church, La Crosse, Wis.
10. R. A. Helms	1896	1903		Acting Pastor, Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn.
11. A. F. Elmquist Ph. D	1896	1905	Judge A. Holt	St. John's Church Minneapolis, Minn.
12. F. E. Jensen	1897	1897		Field Missionary
13. J. A. Zundel	1898	1903	Prof. E. D. Busby	St. Mark's Church, Fargo, N. Dak.
14. F. S. Beistel	1898	1903	Otto Monson	St. James' Church, St. Paul, Minn.
15. C. L. Warstler	1899	1899	P. A. F. Smith	Trinity Church, St. Paul, Minn.
16. G. F. Gehr	1900	1900		General Secretary, Chicago Seminary
17. A. C. Peterson	1900	1900		Acting Pastor, Trinity Church, Madison, Wis.
18. John Keehley	1900	1904	Chas. Johnson	St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
19. P. E. Baisler	1901	1901		Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.
20. Wm. Eckert	1901	1905	Jacob Stoffel, Jr.	Church of the Holy Communion, Racine, Wis
21. Willis Beck	1902	1905		Holy Trinity Church, Superior, Wis.
22. L. K. Mavromates	1903	1906	J. G. Earhuff	St. Mark's Church, N. St. Paul, Minn.
23. W. P. Christy	1904	1904	G. F. Ehrlinger	St. Peter's Church, Janesville, Wis.
24. W. H. Gable	1905	1905		Missionary, Grand Marais, Minn.
25. G. K. Rubrecht	1905	1905	C. S. Schumann	Epiphany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
26. Paul H. Roth	1906	1906	A. M. Dahl	Atonement Church, Beloit, Wis.

ROLL OF SYNOD.—Continued

Ministers	Ordained	Entered Synod	Lay Delegates	Parishes
27. A. E. Youse	1906	1906		Trinity Church, Winipeg, Man.
28.			V. L. Johnson Chas. Andrews	Trinity Church, Lindstrom, Minn.
29.				Church of the Redeemer Sioux Falls, S. D.
30.				Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont.
31.				St. Paul's Church, Waterloo, Wis.

The executive committee submitted a program which was adopted. The hours of closing were fixed at 12 M. and 5 P. M.

The Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, president, then read his annual report as follows:

Report of the President.

For the Year Ending June 19, 1906.

My Dear Co-workers in Christ:—

Spared by a merciful and gracious Father in heaven, we are permitted to-day to behold the fruitage of fifteen years of labor. The Synod was organized with but 7 pastors, 6 congregations and 343 communicants, with church property valued at about $55,000.00. At our tenth anniversary we reported 24 pastors, 21 congregations, 2,304 communicant members, 4,125 baptized members, and property valued at $99,450.00. For that year the accessions were 481; 26 Sunday schools, with 297 teachers and officers, were training 2,679 scholars; the contributions for benevolence amounted to $1,319.96, and for all purposes, $25,104.81. This was truly a showing to fill

the church with joy, but that year the Pacific Synod was organized with a loss to us of 5 pastors, 4 congregations, 175 communicants, 218 scholars and a benevolent contribution of $114.48. This was quite a loss but the last five years have brought us substantial gains as the following table will show:

		1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	TOTALS
Pastors	Rec'd	0	5	3	8	3	19
	Dism'd	7	3	2	2	2	16
Congrgs.	Rec'd	4	1	1	6	5	17
	Dism'd	4	0	2	0	0	6
Com'unts	Added	499	738	795	1,006	886	3,924
	Total	2,537	3,034	3,504	4,043	4.567	Net gains
Infant Baptisms		192	234	273	442	338	1,479
S. S. Enrollment		3,053	3,310	3 726	3.980	4.529	
Benevolent Ofgs		$ 1,487.59	$ 2,080 81	$ 2,343.66	$ 3,071.94	$ 4.939.06	$ 13.923.06
Total Contribu's		$27,835.23	$39,536 47	$27,843.64	$36,100.03	$40,634.42	$171,949.79

N. B.—The figures for 1906 were taken from the parochial reports, some of which were not complete, which would make the totals for this year still larger.

Comparing the statistics of this year with those of five years ago, after the withdrawal of the Pacific coast brethren, the results are truly inspiring:

	1901	1906	INCREASE
Pastors	19	27	42 per cent
Congregations	17	31	88.8 per cent
Communicants added	449	886	97 per cent
Total Commun. Members	2129	4,567	114 per cent
Infant Baptisms	197	338	72 per cent
Baptized Membership	3770	7,848	108 per cent
S. S. Enrollment	2735	4,529	65 per cent
Benevolent Offerings	$ 1,205.62	$ 4,939 06	310 per cent
Total Contributions	$23,121 62	$ 40,634.42	75 per cent
Value, Church Property	$70,862.00	$200,100.00	182 per cent

In the same time 12 new and beautiful houses of worship have been purchased, erected, or are in progress: Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.; Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.; Holy Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.; St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.; Grace, Kenosha, Ws.; St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.; Salem, Minneapolis, Mnn.; St. John's, Stacy, Minn.; First English of Can-

non Falls, Minn.; St. James, St. Paul, Minn.; Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., and Trinity Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba. The total cost of these several structures amounts to something over $140,000.00. How truly we can sing, "Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices."

OFFICIAL ACTS.

The past year with vacancies and resignations has had its own difficult and peculiar problems. The work of a scattered parish, and the large synodical correspondence precluded any systematic visitation of the churches, yet nearly 1,500 miles were covered in travel on synodical matters.

Installations. Rev. Anthony Ferdinand Elmquist, Ph. D., was installed as pastor of St. John's congregation, Minneapolis, by the president of the Synod, Sunday evening, August 20, 1905.

Sunday, Oct. 15, 1905, during the convention of the General Council at Milwaukee, it was my pleasure to install Rev. George Keller Rubrecht, as pastor of Epiphany congregation of that city.

Revs. Murphy and Eckert, received last year, had been previously installed. Revs. Herold and Stacy were dismissed before installation, and Revs. Beck and Gable have not yet been installed because their fields are not sufficiently developed to warrant it.

Dismissals. On Oct. 20, 1905, Rev. J. S. Herold was dismissed to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, from whence he had been received.

Nov. 5, 1905, Rev. Charles R. Dunlap, having been called to the congregation at Beloit, Wis., presented a letter of dismissal from the Olive Branch Synod of the General Synod; but before he was installed a call came from Austin, Ill., which he accepted and requested that his letter be returned to him which was done Jan. 13, 1906.

Rev. C. G. Stacy, our missionary on the North Shore, having found a field of labor in the Chicago Synod, was transferred to that body June 12, 1906.

Resignations. Early in the fall, Rev. A. C. Peterson resigned the pastorate of St. Mark's, North St. Paul, to take effect Dec. 1, 1905.

In February Rev. R. A. Helms wrote that he had tendered hs resignation as pastor of the Goodhue and Cannon Falls parish to take effect May 8, 1906.

Having received an urgent call to become the financial secretary of the Church Extension Society of the General Council, Rev. Frank S. Beistel, on May 27, 1906, submitted his resignation to the people of St. James', St. Paul, Minn.

Accessions. Student Paul H. Roth, of the Chicago Seminary, having received a call to the congregation of the Atonement, Beloit, Wis., applies to the Synod for ordination.

On April 2, 1906, Student R. W. Yeany, of the Philadelphia Seminary, wrote that he had accepted the call of the Home Mission Board, to the Church of the Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D., and expected to be on the field early in July, but that owing to unavoidable circumstances it would not be possible for him to be present at this meeting of the Synod.

The board has also called Student A. E. Youse from the same institution to the work in Winnipeg. On April 18 he wrote me his acceptance and applies for reception into the Synod.

At last, Trinity Church, Lindstrom, and St. John's, Stacy, have found a pastor in the person of Rev. Charles W. Valentine, who received a unanimous call May 29, 1906, which was accepted June 3. He also applies to be received.

As early as January, Rev. Dr. Weidner wrote recommending Rev. L. K. Mavromates for the field at North St. Paul, but owing to the fact that the Home Mission Board had called a man for the field in connection with the St. Stephen's Mission in St. Paul it was impossible to consider the question. This call was finally declined and the board was unable to fill the vacancy. In this emergency, upon the timely suggestion of Dr. Gerberding, Rev. Mavromates has consented to begin work upon this field.

New Congregations and Missions. Early in September our hearts were made glad by the announcement that the work of Student Wennermark at Sioux Falls, S. D., had not

been in vain, and that on Sept. 17, 1905, Field Missionary Jensen and Mr. Wennermark were able to organize the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, with 26 charter members. The congregation applies to us for reception.

Nov. 27, 1905, the president of the Central Conference, Rev. A. J. Reichert, in company with Rev. Helms, organized the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at Zumbrota, Goodhue county, Minn., with 14 charter members, this congregation to be united with the Goodhue and Cannon Falls parish.

Field Missionary Jensen was called to Meridian, Manitoba, and organized on March 21, 1906, the St. John's English Lutheran Church with 50 members. The pastor is Rev. A. Olson who, I am told, expected to unite with us at this convention from the Augustana Synod, but I have not yet received his application or letter of transfer.

Our western field secretary, Rev. A. C. Anda, comes to us with three new congregations. The Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont., was organized by him on May 27, with 40 charter members; Mr. James P. Beasom, a former faithful member of Memorial Church, St. Paul, being the secretary. This congregation was recommended to unite with the Pacific Synod but appeals to us for membership.

On Tuesday evening, the 5th of June, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of The Holy Trinity, Madison, the capitol city of Wisconsin, was duly organized with 43 charter members.

Six days after the organization at Madison, namely, June 11, 1906, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo, Wis., was organized with 35 present, by Secretary Anda and Rev. Dr. Frick, president of the Eastern Conference. The appeal for the organization of this congregation came from Miss Otilda D. Fox, a former member of St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn. Thus does the work in one field bear fruitage in another. In striking contrast is the organization of English missions to-day with that of the early "eighties." Then we were glad to find six or seven willing to form an organization, to-day our congregations start with from 25 to

50 charter members. These new congregations alone, if received, will add 200 and more communicant members to our list.

But this is not all. Seed has been sown in two other places which, by the blessing of God, will develop speedily into established congregations. Our Wisconsin pioneer, Rev. Dr. Frick, organized April 19, 1906, at 3412 Lisbon St., in a second-story flat, his third mission in Milwaukee, the Sunday School of the Church of the Reformation, located in the northwest part of Milwaukee, about two and one-half miles from the mother church. There were 31 present at this meeting with Revs. Anda and Rubrecht assisting. The growth of this school has been remarkable and promises a bright future.

Student Dennig, of Cedarburg, organized the Sunday School of the Good Shepherd, at Thiensville, Wis., on June 3, with 27 in attendance.

Corner-Stone Layings and Dedications. Sunday, August 27, 1905, was a day of rejoicing for St. Peter's, of Janesville, Wis., when their remodelled and beautified sanctuary was re-dedicated by Field Secretary Anda, Rev. William K. Frick, D. D., preaching the sermon on "Divine Renewal" from Rev. 21:5.

St. John's, Duluth, having placed a new foundation under their building for the purpose of Sunday school rooms and needed additional space for their growing work, relaid the corner-stone of their church on Sunday, October 8, 1905, Rev. J. L. Murphy, the pastor, laid the stone, assisted by Revs. D. W. Michael, the former pastor; E. Ahl, of the Joint Synod, and Willis Beck, of Superior.

The crowning event of the year was the laying of the corner-stone of The Church of the Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis., at the meeting of the General Council, Sunday afternoon, October 15, 1905. The service was conducted by the president of the Synod; Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., president of the Eastern Conference, and Field Secretary Anda. Inspiring addresses were made by Dr. Theodore E. Schmauk, president of the General Council; Dr. H. E. Jacobs, dean of the Philadelphia Seminary; Dr. C. Armand Miller, of Holy Trinity, New York; Dr. W. J. Miller, president of the Pittsburg

Synod, and Mission Superintendent J. C. Kunzmann, D. D., It was a notable event in our history, long to be remembered by those who were privileged to witness it.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

St. John's, Minneapolis, our "mother church" has been growing during the past year and making encouraging progress under the energetic efforts of Pastor Elmquist. The basement of the church has been deepened and fitted up for Sunday school, Luther League and aid purposes at a cost of $3,200 and in addition to this $3,600 has been paid on their old indebtedness.

The work at **Memorial, St. Paul,** has not been all that it should have been. This congregation has decided not to finish its building; as the present location is rapidly increasing in value and is becoming unsuitable for church work, which is greatly hindered for the want of the suitable rooms for school and class instruction. A beautiful new location has been selected, but it will require from forty to sixty thousand dollars, which the congregation feels unable to carry without outside help. Until it is secured, the work at Memorial will languish.

Trinity, St. Paul, has, during the past year, joined the ranks of our self-supporting congregations, has purchased a parsonage with the aid of the church extension fund and paid off $500.00 of its mortgage debt. They have also renovated and beautified the interior of the church. In May, the twentieth anniversary was celebrated. On this festive occasion the pastor, Rev. C. L. Warstler, conducted the service, Rev. Frank S. Beistel, of St. James' Church, read the lessons and extended the congratulations of the sister congregation, and the pastor of Memorial, who also organized the congregation, gave a reminiscent address and as president of the Synod extended the best wishes of the sister churches and hopes for a prosperous future.

St. Paul's, Red Wing, has had a healthy growth. The congregation has renovated and beautified the interior of the church at a cost of some $225. The crying need of this con-

gregation, as with others in the Synod, is a new and commodious building where the work could be done more systematically and successfully. May the Lord reward their faith and grant their petitions.

Salem, Minneapolis, has felt the helpfulness of its beautiful and completely equipped church for the furtherance of its work. The past year has been a successful one in all departments of the church work.

But a deep shadow has fallen upon Salem and her devoted pastor, in the calling home, on May 30, of the youngest son of the family, **William Henry Trabert,** born May 27, 1883, the year of the founding of the first English missions of the Northwest. He was a young man of great promise, had recently consecrated his life anew to the service of his Lord and Master, was active in the work of the church, of the Sunday school; as a devoted teacher of a class; and of the Luther League, local, central, state, and national. Truly, in the spirit of the Gospel, "when one member suffers all the members suffer with it," so this loss is felt by us all, keenly and deeply. We mourn with those who mourn and yet not without hope for his death was a most beautiful triumph of the Christian's faith.

The improvements at **St. John's, Duluth,** have already been referred to under the Official Acts. The growth has been encouraging in church and school and the work in the West End, formerly known as Trinity Church, has been carried on by the pastor of St. John's and his faithful co-workers with much promise of success.

Dec. 1, 1905, Rev. A. C. Peterson withdrew from the work at **St. Mark's, North St. Paul.** The Home Mission Board had decided to combine this field with the St. Stephen's Sunday School, at St. Paul, and call a missionary. This prevented the president of the Synod from taking any action towards permanently supplying the field but students were again secured from the United Church Seminary at Minneapolis to continue the services until a pastor could be secured. The Sunday school was held regularly and is still continued although there have been no services since the seminary closed and the congregation has become discouraged and scattered.

By request I held two services for them, one on Easter Sunday afternoon and one, a funeral service, at both of which the church was crowded, many having to stand. The people earnestly desire to be regularly supplied with the Gospel. In May word was received from Dr. Kunzmann that the pastor they had called to this field had declined. Rev. Mavromates, of the Chicago Seminary, has been secured to take charge of the work, at least for the present.

St. James', St. Paul, under the efficient labors of Rev. Beistel, has paid, during the past year ,$1,000.00 of the debt. For so small a congregation this is an example to some of our larger ones worthy of imitation in self-sacrifice and devotion. The church has been beautifully renovated and in August, 1905, the tenth anniversary of the organization of the congregation was duly celebrated.

The Goodhue and Cannon Falls parish has been a source of great anxiety during the year. Early in the fall certain rumors were brought against the pastor. The presidents of Conference and Synod made careful investigations and came to the conviction that the rumors were not well founded; but, as a sad result, the pastor resigned to take effect May 8, 1906, and the parish is therefore vacant.

Trinity, at Lindstrom, has had a long and trying vacancy since the resignation and withdrawal of Pastor Jensen, to enter upon the work of our field missionary. That the president of the Synod has labored earnestly to fill the vacancy will be shown from the fact that no less than nine different men, all able pastors, have been called to this important field, but were prevented from accepting because the congregations they were serving refused to permit them to come. The parish was acceptably served in the vacancy by Rev. Dr. Lenker who inspired the people with courage and held them together until a pastor could be secured. On March 19, 1906, the president of the Synod visited the congregation at the meeting called to extend a call to Rev. Alexis Andreen, of Clinton, Iowa, which call was declined April 11, when Rev. C. W. Valentine was asked to come and take charge of the congregation, with the understanding that if the relationship should

prove mutually agreeable he might be called. A unanimous call was extended on May 29, and accepted June 3, 1906, thus filling a long vacancy.

St. John's, of Stacy, a part of the Lindstrom parish, was having a hard struggle with their debt of over $600 which was greatly hindering their work. It was necessary that something be done to relieve them. Six of the members heroically promised to give $50 each provided the Synod would see that the other $300 was cared for. At the urgent request of Dr. Lenker I visited Stacy on April 16, and finally made arrangements by which this part of the debt could be provided for by the Synod. On Easter Sunday, April 15, Dr. Lenker held a communion service which was well attended and filled the congregation with great hope for the future. Since Rev. Valentine's arrival the congregation has been prospering.

The efficiency of **St. Mark's, Minneapolis,** has been greatly increased by the addition of a side room 16x46 with infant room and pastor's study. The church has been tastily decorated with a triple arch at the chancel end and the whole interior appearance greatly improved. An encouraging growth is reported from this now self-supporting congregation.

The congregation of **Holy Trinity, Minneapolis,** so well served last summer by Student Frank Croman, of Philadelphia Seminary, has been supplied during the winter by students from the United Church Seminary, Mr. K. G. Hatlen being in charge. Rev. Dr. Trabert has been instructing a class in the catechism which was confirmed on Palm Sunday. The congregation placed an earnest appeal with the Home Mission Board for a pastor but the request could not be granted. Field Missionary Jensen is to take the pastorate at once after the new missionary reaches Winnipeg, and we have no doubts as to the final success of this important field.

The Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis., goes down to history as the host of the thirtieth convention of the General Council, Oct. 12-17, 1905. Though so recently self-supporting, the congregation has nobly held its own and reports no current indebtedness at the close of the year. As a good mother, it has given of its children for the founding of

other missions and the wider usefulness of the church.

As already noted, **St. Peter's, Janesville,** has been greatly improved and made more churchly with the addition of chancel and proper chancel furniture and re-dedicated. The congregation and Sunday school are in spiritually healthful condition.

Epiphany, Milwaukee, since the installation of its pastor and the impetus given by the meeting of the General Council, seems to have gone forward with every sign of encouraging progress. The foundation of the new and beautiful church is completed and the first floor was laid when work had to be postponed for the winter, but they look forward to its rapid completion.

Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis., became self-supporting Feb. 1, 1906, and paid $500 on their debt. Our hearty congratulations.

We learn with sorrow that **Holy Trinity, Superior,** is unable to hold morning services for the want of a place in which to worship and we dare to express the conviction that the mission will be of slow growth until regular morning services can be held. May this mission soon have a lot and church home of its own.

The Church of the Atonement, Beloit, was filled with hope in securing a pastor in the person of Rev. Dunlap, but his pastorate lasted but two months, Nov. 15, 1905, to Jan. 13, 1906, since which time the pastorate has been vacant, but is soon to be filled by Paul H. Roth, son of Rev. T. B. Roth, D. D. We feel sure that there is a bright future for the Church of the Atonement.

A strenuous effort was made last fall to re-organize the work at River Falls, Wis., and to rally the faithful little band of workers at **Ellsworth.** Field Missionary Jensen visited the field and returned with bright hopes but the sudden withdrawal of the pastor from Winnipeg, made it necessary for Rev. Jensen to go immediately to that field and remain there until the difficulties were removed. The inability to find any one to supply the field forced a temporary abandonment of the work, which is to be deeply regretted. The Ladies' Aid

Society of the River Falls congregation sent $30, unsolicited, to the synodical church extension fund, which was gratefully received and duly acknowledged.

The other churches in Wisconsin have been growing steadily and encouragingly and their pastors have submitted nothing that requires further mention here.

Hurrying past **St. Mark's, Fargo,** which still stands sorely in need of, and is looking hopefully forward to a new building for its growing congregation and school, we come to **Winnipeg, Manitoba.** Overcome by the discouragements of the field and unaccustomed to pioneer work, Rev. J. S. Herold, after a few months' trial, left the field, preaching his last sermon, Aug. 13, 1905. The field missionary was compelled to return and take up the work. A new lot was purchased on Sept. 26, 1905, size, 100x99 feet, at a cost of $1,881.00 which was a saving over the first purchase. On this lot a neat chapel has been erected at a cost of some $4,000.00, for which ground was broken on Sept. 28, 1905. The first services were held in the new building Jan. 21, 1906, with a good attendance. Rev. Alvin E. Youse has been called to this field and will enter upon his labors early in July, the Lord willing. The new church is located at the corner of Ellice Avenue and Beverly Street.

The North Shore. On July 28, 1905, I started with Rev. Gable for his new field of labor on the North Shore at Grand Marais. We found that there had been a misunderstanding on the part of some of the American residents with our former missionary and they had withdrawn from the work and organized a Sunday school of their own. It is a trying but very important field. Missionary Gable has shown himself to be the man for the place. By letter and by personal communication from residents I have been urged to allow him to remain. The people say that he is most satisfactory and had it not been for the fact that both the Hauge Norwegian and the old Norwegian Synod are trying to work in the field, a congregation might, by this time, have been organized and the church property acquired. In the fall I tried very hard, by correspondence with the Church Extension Society and some few

private individuals, to secure the property for them, at their request, but failed. At last, in the spring, a way opened, but in the meantime the owners had been persuaded to hold the property for a Norwegian church. This, I understand, has finally been deferred and it is likely that an organization will soon be effected. However this may be, so far as Grand Marais is concerned, the missionary assures me that other parts of the field along the shore are full of hope and promise for our particular work, using this point as a center, and that it should by no means be abandoned. Our missionary has the American work to do for a distance of about 150 miles along the shore. This work had been divided between Rev. Stacy and Rev. Gable, the former locating at Little Marais to the west, but his call again to Chicago left Rev. Gable alone upon the field. Port Arthur and Ft. Williams, in Canada, were canvassed last fall and prove to be important fields for our work. They can be worked as one parish and have a joint population of some 13,000 souls. Through the kindness of a personal friend I was able to secure annual passes for our missionaries, over the Booth Line.

The work at Madison, Wis., is of so great importance that we deem it worthy of special notice. A number of the members of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, being in attendance upon the State University, the attention of Dr. Frick was called to the importance of this field. It seemed an imperative necessity that an English mission be organized at once and on Nov. 19, 1905, the first services were held in Keehley Hall, in a prominent and central part of the city, opposite the capitol. Since then the city has been partially, but very thoroughly, canvassed by the students and others and regular services held mostly by the professors from the Chicago Seminary, and finally an organization effected. Rev. A. C. Peterson has of late been supplying the pulpit and it is hoped that the congregation will soon have a permanent home and pastor.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The schools of the church are the training places for our future members. It is of the greatest importance that our

Sunday schools should be loyal and conservative. We are not trying to educate our children so that it will be but a short step into some other denomination, whenever the occasion presents, but to keep them ever rooted and grounded in the faith. Our attention has been called by the church and secular press to the signs of the times in the denominations around us of departures from the faith as it is in Christ Jesus. It is the more necessary for us to cling closely to the dear, old, impregnable doctrines of the Word and the Sacraments, which alone are able to save and which our dear old church has ever stood for. In order to accomplish this we have our own advanced, General Council graduated text-books for our Sunday schools, and our own Sunday school service books with forms of service to educate the children of the church to and for the services of the church. There is often difficulty in trying to introduce these several books in our schools because of the fact that they are new to us and we have not been accustomed to the higher standard for which they aim, but in those schools which have persevered we do not find the complaints coming from the children but from the older scholars and teachers. Let us all be loyal to our excellent system of instruction both as to the great truths and doctrinal developments of our grade text-books, and the services and songs which have been developed and given to us by some of the best talent of the church.

LUTHER LEAGUES.

We have in our senior and junior Luther Leagues, opportunities for the development of our young people which should not be lost. It is to be regretted that some of our leagues are not in position to hold their regular weekly services for the study of the topics and for prayer, but the interest is growing and the work developing encouragingly in most of our congregations.

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

On Sept. 27, 1905, in connection with the meeting of the Central Conference at St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, a meet-

ing of the women of the several congregations was called for the purpose of organizing a woman's home and foreign mission society to spread information about our home and foreign mission work among the members of the congregations and by free will offerings of the members to raise funds for the aid of the work. A permanent organization was finally effected in Salem Church, Minneapolis, on Nov. 7. May this organization have our earnest prayers and hearty support and bring forth much fruit in the spreading abroad of the Kingdom.

THE PASTORS' AND WIDOWS' FUND.

At our last meeting of the Synod an effort was made to establish a fund in aid of disabled pastors, or pastors' widows and orphan children. The rules as suggested met with some opposition and yet it was desirable that such a fund should be established. At the suggestion of one of the members of the committee, I took up the study of the subject and after some two months' work suggested certain changes, most of which the committee kindly approved, and, in its amended form, the report was adopted by the Central Conference at its meeting in Minneapolis in September, 1905, and by the Eastern Conference at its meeting in Kenosha in November, 1905, and recommended by the conferences to the congregations for adoption, which, in most of the congregations, has been done.

Some have raised the question, "Why provide for the pastors and not for the poor members of the congregations?" I would reply that the pastors are not working for themselves in this self-sacrificing calling, but for the whole church. But the individual member of a congregation is not spending his time and labor, as a rule, for the good of the whole church but for the more selfish purpose of supporting himself and family and therefore not in the same sense deserving of the care of the whole church for his old age, but rather of the care of the local congregation to which he belongs.

I trust this matter will receive the attention it deserves from the Synod and the several congregations and pastors in it, and be made a success from the start.

SYNODICAL HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS.

We must indeed be loyal to the Home Mission and Church Extension Boards of the General Council to whom we owe so much for our success in years past, and we must not misappropriate to our own use funds intended for them. Nevertheless, the experiences of the past year have taught us that there are certain emergencies such as those at Madison and Stacy, which it is impossible for the general boards to meet and yet, if not provided for, might mean a great loss to the church.

The work at Madison would doubtless have been lost to us, had not the Eastern Conference assumed the responsibility, and by their heroic efforts, kept the work alive. Should we not have a synodical home mission fund for such emergencies as these? I am glad to report also that through a similar self-sacrifice on the part of some of the individuals and societies in the Central Conference the synodical extension fund has been increased to nearly $300.00.

During the year it became necessary for the executive committee to borrow some $300 for the Synod's home mission work at Sioux Falls and the North Shore, most of which I believe and hope has been paid by the generous offerings of the people on Whitsunday.

OUR CENTRAL AND EASTERN CONFERENCES.

Our Central and Eastern Conferences have each held two regular meetings during the year; the former at St. Mark's, North Minneapolis, and St. James', St. Paul, Minn., and the latter at Grace Church, Kenosha, and the Church of the Atonement, Beloit, Wis. At all of these meetings there was a full attendance of the pastors, and most interesting programs; but our people do not yet seem to appreciate the value or purpose of these conferences. Each conference also devoted an important part of its time to a Sunday school convention.

The Eastern Conference requested the president of the Synod to refer the needs of the North Shore and Stacy missions to the proper boards of the General Council, possibly

not knowing that that had been done in a most urgent manner beforehand, as the proper and first course to pursue, and that it was only from dire necessity for the saving of our missions that the conferences were appealed to.

"It was resolved that (the Eastern) conferences request the Synod to discuss the question of a salaried president, relieved from all parochial duties." Also,

"That the conference ask the Synod to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Chicago Synod, concerning the establishment of an educational institution of academic or collegiate grade."

Both of these questions are of vital importance to the Synod and should receive the earnest consideration they deserve.

THE CHICAGO SEMINARY.

It is a matter of great hope and gratification that our congregations are contributing so much more for the support of the seminary at Chicago, to which we must look, more and more, for our supply of men for this great field; but the general secretary of that institution rightly emphasizes the fact that the sending of young men from our congregations is far more important than sending our money. What are our congregations and pastors doing along this line? Are we watching and praying that the coming church may be provided with faithful laborers?

THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Noticing that the District Synod of Ohio was celebrating this year its golden jubilee, it seemed fitting that we, as a sister synod in the General Council, should send them our hearty congratulations which I took the liberty of doing in your name.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL CONVENTION.

It is a sincere pleasure to report the meeting of the General Council in its thirtieth convention, upon the territory of

our Synod in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis. As a full report of this convention will be given by the delegates it is not necessary to dwell upon it here. We venture to express the hope, however, that the committee appointed to prepare for and invite the International Lutheran Conference to meet in the United States of America at its next convention in 1907, will be eminently successful, and to this end we should pledge them our hearty co-operation and support.

THE CENTENARY OF ENGLISH LUTHERANISM.

This year is also a notable one from the fact that it was just one hundred years ago that the first permanent English Lutheran work was started in dear old St. John's, of Philadelphia, Pa. Provision has been made for the proper celebration of the event, in the synodical program.

MATTERS REQUIRING THE ACTION OF THE SYNOD.

I have found that in the total apportionment for traveling expenses to the Synod the amounts paid by the several congregations in excess of the amounts paid to or by the treasurer of the Synod are not credited to the several congregations. The matter was pointed out to the treasurer who admits the injustice and suggests, either that the treasurers of the several congregations take receipts from the pastors and delegates to whom they have paid money and forward the same to him to be credited on the apportionment, or, that only those amounts be apportioned which are to be paid out by the several congregations to the treasurer of the Synod. The latter seems to be the more simple way and is recommended to the Synod for adoption.

The Synod should pass a standing rule as to the time when the traveling fund apportionment should be paid. Some congregations leave it until near the next meeting of the Synod and so keep those pastors and delegates who have been at the greatest expense, out of their just dues for a whole year. Several appeals have come to me during the past year asking if the amount due could not be paid. It is neither business nor justice to compel our brethren to wait for a whole

year in this matter, and I urge the Synod to adopt some definite time for the payment of this apportionment.

My study of the matter of assessments and taxation has led me to believe that our apportionments should not be based upon the per capita, but upon the percentage plan. It is not just to demand from the confirmed children of our church the same sum as we demand from those who are self-supporting and who have means, and though there are difficulties to be adjusted I believe we would receive more and our apportionments be more equitably distributed if we would adopt the percentage plan, on the yearly income for current expenses. It would also save time and labor for the apportionment committee.

I would ask, has the $200 paid by the Synod to the General Council mission work in Sioux Falls been credited to the Synod by the Council? It seems to me that this should have been done.

As the General Council has established work among the Slavs and created a separate board appealing for funds for this special work, some provision should be made on our parochial report blanks for this item and also for synodical church extension offerings. Some of our congregations having made contributions to this fund during the year could not be given the proper credit on the parochial reports.

THE NATIONAL DIVORCE CONGRESS.

In selecting one of our number to represent the Commonwealth of Minnesota at the National Divorce Congress in Washington, D. C., Feb. 19-22, 1906, Governor John A. Johnson conferred an honor upon our Synod and our church more than upon the individual and it would seem fitting that we express in some way our appreciation of the honor conferred. Other denominations were well and ably represented at the congress, but with the single exception of the Hon. Wm. H. Staake, of Philadelphia, secretary of the congress and treasurer of the General Council, I know of no other Lutheran representative upon the floor.

True, we were not there as members of this or that denomination and yet the church is and should be deeply in-

terested in this so great subject and should be given an opportunity to speak for the holiness of matrimony, and it was certainly fitting that a denomination which numbers nearly two millions in this country and is by far the strongest Protestant denomination in the Northwest, should have been more ably represened in that congress.

It is truly appalling that whilst England is said to have granted less than 800 divorces during the year, this great and free republic of ours is annually granting more than 70,000. What a travesty on holy matrimony. But I am more than ever convinced that the cure for the evil is not in the divorce court so much as in the safeguards thrown about marriage itself and as the church speaks through her representative bodies I hope this Synod will express itself plainly and forcibly upon the subject.

I now, brethern, return to you the office which you have seen fit to entrust to me for the past year, hoping that I have discharged its arduous duties in a manner to meet your approval and only regretting that I have not been able to accomplish very much more for the growth and development of the church. In the name of the congregation and for my own sake I again urge upon you to confer the honor of the office upon some one else for the coming year.

Gratefully and respectfully yours,

A. J. D. HAUPT.

On motion the report was received and ordered referred to a committee.

The report of the Hon. C. A. Smith, treasurer, was then read by Mr. Chas. L. Trabert as follows:

The Report of the Treasurer.

C. A. Smith, Treasurer,

In account with the **English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.**

June 27, 1905, to June 19, 1906.

RECEIPTS.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis	$ 76.05
Atonement Congregation, Beloit, Wis	59.03
English Lutheran Congregation, Cannon Falls, Minn.	25.00
Epiphany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis	47.78
First Church, Platteville, Wis	124.01
First Church, Winnipeg, Man	20.58
Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis	107.75
Grand Marais Mission, Grand Marais, Minn	6.20
Holy Communion Congregation, Racine, Wis	181.89
Holy Trinity Congregation, Duluth, Minn	4.43
Holy Trinity Congregation, La Crosse, Wis	21.92
Holy Trinity Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	20.60
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis	4.50
Holy Trinity Congregation, Superior, Wis	9.55
Memorial Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	304.34
Redeemer Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis	395.69
Salem Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	736.79
St. James' Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	240.00
St. John's Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	113.36
St. John's Congregation, Duluth, Minn	117.36
St. John's Congregation, Stacy, Minn	20.26
St. Stephen's Mission, St. Paul, Minn	2.35
St. Luke's Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	25.00
St. Mark's Congregation, Fargo, N. D	106.70
St. Mark's Congregation, Minneapolis, Minn	170.90
St. Mark's Congregation, North St. Paul, Minn	10.16

St. Paul's Congregation, Red Wing, Minn	280.99
St. Peter's Congregation, Janesville, Wis	80.34
Trinity Congregation, St. Paul, Minn	113.44
Trinity Congregation, Lindstrom, Minn	9.92
River Falls Ladies' Aid Society, River Falls, Wis	30.00
Sisters' & Deaconess' Mother House, Milwaukee, Wis	15.00
Twin City Pastoral Association	28.11
Rev. M. J. Bieber, Hartford, Conn	1.00
Bills Payable Swedish Am. Nat. Bank No. 1	175.00
Bills Payable Swedish Am. Nat. Bank No. 2	80.00
Bills Payable Swedish Am. Nat. Bank No. 3	60.00
Bills Payable Swedish Am. Nat. Bank No. 4	60.00
Bills Receivable No. 2 return of Stacy loan on Synod Church Extension	100.00
Balance last report Synodical General Expenses	29.17
Balance last report Synodical Church Extension	3.00
Balance last report Synodical Delegate Traveling Expenses	10.19
Balance last report Synodical Home Missions	69.36
	$4,097.72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Synodical General Expenses	$ 240.78
Synodical Delegates Traveling Expenses	107.47
Synodical Church Extension Fund	317.80
Synodical Home Missions	819.57
Chicago Theological Seminary	688.92
General Council Foreign Missions, India	445.28
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	120.26
General Council Home Missions, English	447.34
General Council Home Missions, German	24.00
General Council Church Extension	570.29
Orphans, Vasa, Minn	60.22
Orphans, Joliet, Ill	4.68
San Francisco Sufferers	96.67
Anti-Saloon League	70.00
Funds Remaining in Treasury—Synodical General Expenses	68.46

Balance last report Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	15.98
	$4,097.72

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL DELEGATES' TRAVELING EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

Old Balance	$ 10.19
English Lutheran, Cannon Falls, Minn.	5.98
Epiphany, Milwaukee, Wis.	3.39
First Church, Platteville, Wis.	9.84
Grace, Kenosha	11.80
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.	2.27
Holy Trinity, Duluth, Minn.	2.27
Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.	7.62
Redeemer, Milwaukee, Wis.	38.70
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.	5.64
St. John's, Stacy, Minn.	4.76
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.	10.60
St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.	1.81
St. Paul's Red Wing, Minn.	4.45
St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.	4.04
	$123.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Atonement, Beloit, Wis.	$ 1.16
English Lutheran, Cannon Falls.	6.18
First Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.	21.15
Grand Marais Congregation, Grand Marais, Minn.	14.70
Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.	8.24
Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.	10.39
St. John's, Duluth, Minn.	7.88
St. James', St. Paul, Minn.	8.03
St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.	8.20
St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.	3.98

St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn	9.54
Trinity, St. Paul, Minn	7.56
Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn	.43
Cash Balance	15.98
	$123.45

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1903.

St. Luke's Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	$ 3.60

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1904.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis	$ 1.50
First Church, Platteville, Wis	1.10
St. Luke's Congregation, Goodhue, Minn	2.70
Trinity Congregation, Duluth, Minn	1.70
St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn	2.17
	$9.17

AMOUNTS STILL DUE FROM CONGREGATIONS, 1905.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis	$ .19

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From all sources and old balance	$ 309.24

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing letter heads, programs, envelopes for offerings	$ 10.10
Printing of minutes	164.50
Expenses of President	39.70
Expenses of Secretary	7.66

Ordination Certificates	5.00
Transcription of Protocol	5.00
Envelopes for Synodical Home Mission Offering	5.00
Traveling Expenses—Rev. Reichert	3.82
Cash Balance	68.46
	$309.24

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

River Falls Ladies' Aid Society, River Falls, Wis.	$ 30.00
Payment of old loan Bills Receivable No. 2, St. John's, Stacy, Minn	100.00
Salem, Minneapolis, Minn	110.00
Memorial, St. Paul, Minn	10.00
Loan from Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable, No. 4	60.00
St. John's, Duluth, Minn	4.80
Cash Balance	3.00
	$317.80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loan, Stacy Congregation, secured by Bills Receivable No. 3 and Mortgage	$ 300.00
Repayment on Bills Payable No. 4	17.80
	$317.80
There is still due from Synod on above account, to Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable No. 4	$ 42.20
Accrued interest to date	.56
	$42.76

DETAILED STATEMENT SYNODICAL HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

From all sources	$	435.21
Old Balance		69.36
Loan from Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable, No. 1		175.00
Loan from Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable, No. 2		80.00
Loan from Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable, No. 3		60.00
		$819.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn	$	75.00
Sioux Falls Congregation, Sioux Falls, S. D		160.00
Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis		15.00
Grand Marais Mission		282.32
Bills Payable No. 1, Swedish-American National Bank		175.00
Interest upon same		6.42
Bills Payable No. 2, Swedish-American National Bank		80.00
Interest upon same		3.36
On account Bills Payable, No. 3, Swedish-American National Bank		22.47
		$819.57

There is still due from the Synod on above account to Swedish-American National Bank, Bills Payable, No. 3	$	37.53
Accrued interest to date		1.89
		$39.42

SECURITIES OF THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER.

Note for $115.00 from Herman Wennermark, payable as soon as circumstances allow, without interest.	
Note and Mortgage from the trustees of St. John's Church, of Stacy, Minn., for $300.00, payable April 20, 1909, without interest.	
Under authority of the Executive Committee the Treasurer of the Synod found it necessary to borrow on account Synodical Home Mission...$	375.00
Account Synodical Church Extension.....	100.00
Total .....$	475.00
Of these loans we have repaid.....	395.27
Leaving the Synod in debt to the Swedish-American National Bank .....$	79.73
(And accrued interest).	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF CONGREGATIONS' CONTRIBUTIONS SYNODICAL YEAR 1905.

Advent Congregation, Cedarburg, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses.....$	2.88
Chicago Theological Seminary.....	58.75
General Council Home Missions.....	9.00
General Council Church Extension.....	5.42
All on apportionment.....$	76.05

Church of the Atonement, Beloit, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses.....$	2.80
Synodical Home Missions.....	11.30
General Council Home Missions.....	20.20
General Council Church Extension.....	24.73
All on apportionment.....$	59.03

Cannon Falls Congregation:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 5.36
Synod Delegates' Traveling Expenses	5.98
Synodical Home Missions	13.66
All on apportionment	$ 25.00

Epiphany Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 4.16
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	3.39
Chicago Theological Seminary	10.23
General Council Foreign Missions, India	4.00
General Council Foregin Missions, Porto Rico	2.00
General Council Home Missions	9.00
General Council Church Extension	15.00
All on apportionment	$ 47.78

***First Church, Platteville, Wis.:**

Synodical General Expenses	$ 5.23
Synodical Home Missions	13.25
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	9.84
General Council Foreign Missions, India	30.00
General Council Home Missions	50.00
General Council Church Extension	15.69
All on apportionment	$ 124.01

First Church, Winnipeg, Man.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 2.25
General Council Foreign Mission, India	3.78
General Council Church Extension	14.55
All on apportionment	$ 20.58

Grace Church, Kenosha, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 12.08
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	11.80
Synodical Home Missions	15.00

Chicago Theological Seminary		10.50
General Council Foreign Missions, India		12.75
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico		4.20
General Council Home Missions		8.25
General Council Church Extension		27.50
All on apportionment	$	102.08
San Francisco Sufferers		5.67
		$107.75

English Lutheran Church, Grand Marais, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$	4.00
Synodical Home Missions		2.20
All on apportionment	$	6.20

***Holy Communion, Racine, Wis.:**

Synodical General Expenses	$	25.84
Synodical Home Missions		25.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India		37.37
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico		18.68
General Council Home Missions		35.00
General Council Church Extension		40.00
All on apportionment	$	181.89

Holy Trinity, Duluth, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$	2.16
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses		2.27
All on apportionment	$	4.43

Holy Trinity, La Crosse, Wis.:

General Council Foreign Missions, India	$	10.00
General Council Home Missions		11.92
All on apportionment	$	21.92

Church of Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 2.16
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	2.27
Synodical Home Missions	4.57
Chicago Theological Seminary	2.70
General Council Foreign Missions, India	2.70
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	.80
General Council Home Missions	2.70
General Council Church Extension	2.70
All on apportionment	$ 20.60

Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis.:

General Council Church Extension	$ 4.50

Holy Trinity, Superior, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 1.60
Synodical Home Missions	1.40
General Council Home Missions	3.25
General Council Church Extension	3.30
All on apportionment	$ 9.55

Memorial, St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 25.04
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	7.62
Synodical Home Missions	35.00
Synodical Church Extension	10.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India	45.48
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	15.59
General Council Home Missions	63.17
General Council Church Extension	102.44
All on apportionment	$ 304.34

Redeemer Congregation, Milwaukee, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 34.72
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	38.70
Synodical Home Missions	17.30

Chicago Seminary	86.55
General Council Foreign Missions, India	106.34
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	44.40
General Council Home Missions, English	34.00
General Council Home Missions, German	24.00
General Council Church Extension	5.00
All on apportionment	$ 391.01
Orphans, Joliet	4.68
	$395.69

Salem, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 22.96
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	5.64
Synodical Home Missions	132.89
Synodical Church Extension	110.00
Chicago Theological Seminary	78.10
General Council Foreign Missions, India	74.41
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	10.00
General Council Home Missions	68.68
General Council Church Extension	101.68
On apportionment	$ 604.36
San Francisco Sufferers	58.00
Anti-Saloon League	50.00
	$736.79

St. James', St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expense	$ 10.88
Synodical Home Missions	17.72
Chicago Seminary	128.50
General Council Foreign Missions, India	8.19
General Council Home Missions	14.15
General Council Church Extension	43.37
All on apportionment	$ 222.81
Orphans, Vasa	17.19
	$240.00

***St. John's, Minneapolis, Minn.:**	
Chicago Theological Seminary	$ 35.00
General Council Church Extension	35.05
All on apportionment	$ 70.05
Orphans, Vasa	6.31
San Francisco Sufferers	17.00
Anti-Saloon League	20.00
	$113.36
St. John's, Duluth, Minn.:	
Synodical General Expenses	$ 14.08
Synodical Home Missions	23.13
Synodical Church Extension	4.80
Chicago Theological Seminary	16.10
General Council Foreign Missions, India	16.10
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	10.85
General Council Home Missions	16.10
General Council Church Extension	16.20
All on apportionment	$ 117.36
St. John's, Stacy, Minn.:	
Synodical General Expenses	$ 4.32
Synodical Home Missions	5.18
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	4.76
Chicago Seminary	6.00
All on apportionment	$ 20.26
St. Stephen's Mission, St. Paul, Minn.:	
Orphans, Vasa, Minn	$ 2.35
St. Luke's, Goodhue, Minn.:	
Synodical General Expenses	$ 9.44
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	10.69
Synodical Home Missions	3.87
Chicago Seminary	1.00
All on apportionment	$ 25.00

St. Mark's, Fargo, N. D.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 12.00
Synodical Home Missions	10.33
Chicago Seminary	30.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India	12.73
General Council Home Missions	7.86
General Council Church Extension	33.78
All on apportionment	$ 106.70

St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 10.72
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	1.81
Synodical Home Missions	45.72
General Council Foreign Missions, India	13.50
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	5.50
General Council Home Missions	37.00
General Council Church Extension	15.65
Chicago Theological Seminary	25.00
All on apportionment	$ 154.90
San Francisco Sufferers	16.00
	$170.90

St. Mark's, North St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 27.16
All on apportionment	$ 27.16

St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$ 27.60
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses	4.45
Chicago Theological Seminary	160.25
General Council Foreign Missions, India	23.21
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico	5.00
General Council Home Missions	13.38
General Council Church Extension	37.16
All on apportionment	$ 271.05
Orphans, Vasa	9.94
	$280.99

St. Peter's, Janesville, Wis.:

Synodical General Expenses	$	9.04
Synodical Delegates' Traveling Expenses		4.04
Synodical Home Missions		10.00
Chicago Theological Seminary		12.00
General Council Foreign Missions, India		3.25
General Council Foreign Missions, Porto Rico		16.01
General Council Home Missions		13.00
General Council Church Extension		13.00
All on apportionment	$	80.34

Trinity, St. Paul, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$	11.44
Synodical Home Missions		15.70
Chicago Theological Seminary		27.24
General Council Foreign Missions, India		17.72
General Council Home Missions		27.67
General Council Church Extension		13.67
All on apportionment	$	113.44

Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn.:

Synodical General Expenses	$	9.92
All on apportionment	$	9.92

Ladies' Aid Society, River Falls, Wis.:

Synodical Church Extension	$	30.00

Sisters of Deaconess' Mother Home, Milwaukee, Wis.:

General Council Foreign Missions, India	$	15.00

*For amount paid to Chicago Theological Seminary see parochial report.

Twin City Pastoral Association:

Synodical Home Missions.....$ 28.11

Special Contribution, Rev. M. J. Bieber, Hartford, Conn.:

Synodical Home Missions.....$ 1.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. SMITH,

Treas. Eng. Ev. Luth. Synod of the Northwest.

Per CHARLES L. TRABERT.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 19, 1906.

Moved, that the report be received and referred to an auditing committee. Adopted.

The next order was the election of officers. The president appointed Mr. H. O. H. Munson and Mr. Jacob Stoffel; and Mr. P. A. F. Smith and Tollef Evjen, tellers. Before the election the following was read:

Action of Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn.

March 3, 1906.

Resolved, That the congregation of Memorial Church urgently request that the Synod do not elect the pastor of said Memorial Church to any office in the Synod for the year 1906-7.

E. C. LEWIS, Secretary.

The result of the election was:
Rev. A. J. Reichert, President.
Rev. C. L. Warstler, Secretary.
Hon. C. A. Smith, Treasurer.

On motion, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Rev. A. J. Reichert for mimeographing the report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Dr. Frick.

Second Session.

Wednesday, June 20, 1906, 2 o'clock p. m.

The devotional service was led by Rev. G. K. Rubrecht.

Roll was called. Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The proposed revision of the constitution was considered.

Immediately before adjournment President Reichert announced the committees as follows:

President's Report—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., and Mr. H. O. H. Munson.

Auditing—Mr. H. Haubert, Mr. James Harms.

Reception of Congregations—Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Rev. John Keehley, and Mr. J. W. Mehrkens.

Apportionment and Traveling Expenses—Rev. F. E. Jensen and Mr. Jacob Stoffel.

Protocol and Minutes—Rev. W. P. Christy and Mr. Otto Monson.

Excuse—Rev. E. P. Baisler.

Press—Rev. G. F. Gehr, Rev. A. C. Peterson, and Prof. E. D. Busby.

Examining Committee—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. H. K. Gebhart, and Rev. Alfred Ramsey.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. J. A. Zundel.

Third Session.

Thursday, June 21, 1906, 9 o'clock a. m.

Matins were conducted by Rev. A. C. Peterson.

Roll was called and minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The consideration of the revision of the constitution was resumed. The Eastern Conference submitted the following report:

Report of the Eastern Conference.

The Eastern Conference would respectfully submit the following report for the synodical year, ending June, 1906:

At a special meeting held at Racine, June 29, 1905, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. P. E. Baisler.

The first regular meeting of the year was held in Grace Church, Kenosha, Nov. 21 and 22, 1905. The opening service was a communion service, at which Rev. W. P. Christy preached the sermon.

Papers and addresses on the following subjects were presented:

1. Ordination.
2. Methods of Providing for Superannuated Ministers, Their Widows and Orphans.
3. The Call from One Charge to Another.
4. Study of Phil. 3:17-21.
5. The Recent Convention of the General Council.
6. The Chicago Seminary and Church Expansion.

It was resolved that the committee on constitution for the conference ask the committee of the Synod on Conference Constitutions, to submit their report for consideration at our next meeting of the Conference.

The plan for providing for superannuated ministers, their widows and orphans, as revised and printed by the Central Conference, was adopted by the Conference and recommended to the various congregations of the Conference for their consideration.

A letter to the Conference from the president of the Synod, concerning the needs of the Stacy and North Shore Missions, was read. The Conference urged the president to refer the needs of these missions to the proper authorities of the General Council.

The second regular meeting was held with the Church of the Atonement at Beloit, April 17 and 18. The first session was held in the afternoon. The evening service was a communion service, Rev. G. K. Rubrecht preaching the sermon.

The following subjects were discussed:

1. The Pastor as a Man.
   a. Personal Character.
   b. In Society.
   c. In Politics.
   d. In the Home.
2. Sunday School Topics.
   a. How to Train the Scholar to Attend Church.
   b. The Sunday School Teacher's Reward.
   c. How Best to Train Teachers for the Work.
   d. Graded Systems in Sunday School Work.
3. English Lutheranism Getting Under Way. (Evening address).

It was resolved that the Conference request the Synod to discuss the question of a salaried president, relieved from parochial duties.

Also that the Conference ask the Synod to appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Chicago Synod, concerning the establishment of an educational institution of academic or collegiate grade.

A Luther League lecture course was determined on. In consequence of sudden illness (since happily relieved) in the family of Rev. H. K. Gebhart, who was to have held the first lecture, it became necessary for Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., to lead off. With a lecture on "Muhlenberg—the Unmitred Missionary Bishop of the Eighteenth Century," he visited the following points: Cedarburg, Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, etc. In these and other ways the president of the Conference visited every parish except Platteville during the year, and reports a deepening and widening of the Wisconsin English Lutheran work.

With the opening, in November, of the Madison mission giving access to the University of Wisconsin, the founding after Easter, of the new mission in Milwaukee, northwest of the Church of the Redeemer, the recent establishment, by Student Dennig of Cedarburg, of the Thiensville Sunday School, and the entrance of Student now, Rev. Paul H. Roth, upon his Beloit pastorate, the Eastern Conference reports every pulpit filled and important territory gained.

There are now in Wisconsin 9 pastors and 2 students at work, supplying 11 congregations and one preaching station, and conducting 13 Sunday schools. Of these, two pastors, churches, and schools belong to the Central Conference. The total enrollment, including 1,811 communicants and 2,200 Sunday school attendants, of these churches is at present 4,011. The total moneys collected during the synodical year in Wisconsin was over $15,200.00. For details see the synodical president's report and the parochial tables.

W. K. FRICK, President.
P. E. BAISLER, Secretary.

Moved, That the report be received and spread on the minutes. Adopted.

Dr. Trabert, pastor loci, on behalf of the congregation, extended a cordial invitation for a trolley excursion to Lake Minnetonka with a launch ride on the lake, on Monday afternoon. The invitation was accepted unanimously. By vote of the Synod Rev. S. W. Dickinson, D. D., of the American Bible Society, was given the privilege of addressing the Synod concerning the society and its work.

The Archivarius reported, the usual material has come into the possession of the Archivarius and placed in the archives.

W. K. FRICK.

The Central Conference reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

The Central Conference respectfully submits the following report:

Two conventions were held during the year—one in St. Mark's, Minneapolis, Rev John Keehley, pastor, September 25-27; and the other in St. James, St. Paul, Rev. Frank S. Beistel, pastor, May 16-17.

Rev. J. L. Murphy preached the communion sermon at Minneapolis.

The following subjects were presented and discussed:

"The Possibility and Practicability of a Lutheran Bible Conference in the Twin Cities."

"Augsburg Confession. Art. IV."

"The Anti-Christ."

"Deaconesses."

"Lutheran Institutions of Higher Education on the Territory of Our Synod. Their Work and Our Need."

"The Care of Superannuated and Disabled Ministers, Their Widows and Orphans."

"Home Missions on Our Field."

There are three vacancies—Trinity, Lindstrom; Ellsworth and Cannon Falls, and Trinity, Minneapolis.

The committee on the President's Report recommended and the Conference adopted:

1. That the Conference appoint a committee to co-operate with the officers of the Conference in arranging for a Sunday school convention to be held in connection with the next meeting of the Conference and that a day be set apart for such convention.

2. That the Conference make some recommendations to the congregations on the proposed plan for aid of superannuated and disabled pastors and widows and orphans.

The Conference gave time and place for ladies representing eight different congregations to hold a meeting for the purpose of discussing missionary topics and ultimately to organize such societies. A committee was appointed to draw up a plan for the organization of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Upon invitation, Dr. Riley, president of the Northwestern Bible Conference, addressed the Conference on "The Organization and Manner of Conducting a Bible Conference."

At the second meeting in St. Paul, Rev. Willis Beck preached the opening sermon.

The officers elected were:

Rev. A. J. Reichert, President.
Rev. Willis Beck, Secretary.
Rev. J. A. Zundel, Treasurer.

Two more vacancies were reported than at the other convention.

The attention of the Conference was called to the great need of making the Twin Cities a center for operations in greater missionary activity within a radius of 50 miles; and, recommended to join with the Goodhue-Cannon Falls parish.

The subjects discussed were:

Church Government—Different Forms of Church Government; Plan of Organization in the General Council; Principles Upon Which the Lutheran Church in America Might Unite for Effective Work.

Office of the Ministry—Different Views Held in the Church; The Pastor as a Teacher; The Pastor as a Minister; The Pastor as a Financier; The Holy Ghost as a Factor in the Pastor's Work.

In connection with this Conference, on the last day a Sunday School convention was held. A permanent organization was effected with Rev. John Keehley as president.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. TRABERT, President,
WILLIS BECK, Secretary.

On motion the report was received and ordered recorded in the minutes. At 11:30 the Synod adjourned that the Ministerum might meet. Closed, with prayer by Rev. W. H. Gable.

Fourth Session.

Thursday, June 21, 1906, 3 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Roll was called and minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Ministerium reported: We recommend

1. That Mr. Paul Hoerlein Roth be ordained at the evening service.

2. That Rev. L. K. Mavromates be received into the Synod on a public declaration of his hearty acceptance of the faith of the Lutheran Church as set forth in Article II. of the constitution of the Synod.

3. That the public declaration above mentioned be framed by the president and secretary of the Synod together with Rev. Prof. Ramsey, and that this public declaration be made in connection with the ordination service this evening.

On motion of Dr. Frick the first item was adopted. Rev. Baisler moved the adoption of the second item. Carried. The third item having been adopted, the report was adopted as a whole.

Mr. Paul H. Roth and Rev. L. K. Mavromates were then presented by Rev. Dr. Trabert, of the Examining Committee, to the president who welcomed them heartily into the Synod.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report was considered until time for adjournment.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. F. S. Beistel.

Fifth Session.

Friday, June 22, 1906, 9 o'clock a. m.

Rev. Paul H. Roth conducted matins.

The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

At this and subsequent sessions the following brethren in the faith were welcomed and given the priviliges of the floor:

Rev. George Drach, general secretary of the General Council Foreign Mission Board, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. A. C. Anda, western field secretary of the General Council Home Mission Board, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. Jens C. Roseland, secretary United Norwegian Lutheran Synod, Austin, Minn.

Rev. Prof. J. P. Uhler, St. Peter, Minn.

Rev. John Petersen, Moorhead, Minn.
Rev. C. K. Solberg, Chicago, Ill.
Rev. J. N. Lenker, D. D., Minneapolis, Minn.
Rev. Prof. J. S. Nordgaard, Canton, N. D.

The revision of the constitution was resumed. On motion, the report under consideration was referred to the committee to be presented later. The report of the Committee on Reception of Congregations was received, considered and recommitted to the committee. Rules and Regulations for Superannuated Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, as reported by the committee, were received for consideration. On motion, Mr. Chas. L. Trabert was given the privilege of the floor and to act for Hon. C. A. Smith, an absent member of the committee.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Sixth Session.

Friday, June 22, 1906, 2 o'clock p. m.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. A. Helms.

The discussion of the Rules and Regulations for Superannuated Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund was resumed. At three o'clock the discussion was discontinued and the special order of the doctrinal discussion was taken up. The subject was: What Protection and Safeguards Should the Church and the State Place Upon Holy Matrimony? The paper was presented by Rev. H. K. Gebhart and the discussion opened by Judge Andrew Holt. After the discussion was closed, it was moved by Rev. Murphy, that the deliverance of the General Council on the subject of Marriage and Divorce, (Minutes of 1905, pp. 192-3), be taken up for consideration. The deliverance was adopted and recommended to pastors and people as follows:

ACTION ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Whereas, The great and increasing disregard of the plain teaching of the Holy Scriptures concerning the nature of the marriage covenant, demands the serious consideration of all Christian people, their most earnest protests against all violations of God's Law, and their hearty co-operation in all measures that would remedy the evil,

Resolved, That we deem it the solemn duty of all pastors to instruct their congregations concerning the permanency of the marriage relation, and to warn against its violation or disparagement, as a crime against God that cannot be mitigated or apologized for by any of the defects of the civic laws or any lowering of the standard prescribed in God's Word on the part of the community around them, or those who may be regarded as leaders of public opinion.

2. That this testimony should be given not only when some notorious violation of God's Law attracts general attention, but in frequent instructions and admonitions from the pulpit, even where no occasion for it seems to be immediately urgent; and especially with all fidelity and earnestness in the instruction of catechumens.

3. That we regard every pastor who performs a marriage ceremony as testifying by that very act, that, so far as he has had opportunity of discovering, after earnest endeavors to ascertain the facts, said marriage is regular and in accordance with God's Word, and that it is our conviction, further, that in invoking God's blessing upon the union, he becomes participant in the guilt, if he be without reasonable assurance that both parties to the contract comply with the divine requirements.

4. That we teach that the license, issued by the State, and compliance with every civil requirement, while indispensable, cannot of themselves be a guide to the conscience of either pastors or individual Christians; and the distinction between the standards that avail before man and before God should never be forgotten. Nor can the State by its enactments and permission ever make legitimate what the Word of God condemns.

5. That with reference to the question of the marriage of divorced persons this Synod insists on the following uniform practice of all its pastors, to-wit: That pastors decline to marry any person who has a husband or wife living, unless such person shall have been divorced by due process of law from such husband or wife for the cause of adultery or wilful desertion; and in that case pastors consent to marry only the innocent party to such divorce, and then not until the expiration of a year after the divorce shall have been granted.

The report of the Committee on Reception of Congregations was received, considered item by item and adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECEPTIONS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Your committee respectfully reports that five congregations have applied for membership in this Synod, namely:

(1). The Church of the Redeemer, Sioux Falls, S. D. (2). The Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn. (3). The Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Montana. (4). Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis., and (5) St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Waterloo, Wis.

1. We have examined the constitution of the Church of the Redeemer of Sioux Falls, S. D., and find it in full accord with that of the Synod and recommend that this congregation be received.

2. We find that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Zumbrota, Minn., has modeled its constitution after an old constitution which omits several important points. We find nothing in it which is objectionable but would recommend that this congregation adopt the full constitution recommended by the Synod.

3. Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Livingston, Mont., has applied for membership, we recommend that it be received. The question of synodical boundary to be settled by a special committee.

4. The constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis., corresponds to that approved by the Synod, we therefore recommend that this congregation be received.

5. The constitution of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Waterloo, Wis., having been modeled after the constitution of the church of the Holy Trinity, Madison, Wis., we recommend that this congregation be received.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. HAUPT,
J. W. MEHRKENS,
JOHN KEEHLEY.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. F. S. Beistel.

Seventh Session.

Saturday, June 23, 1906, 9:45 o'clock a. m.

Opened with devotional service, led by Rev. F. E. Jensen.

The consideration of the revision of the constitution was continued. After the several sections of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws had been considered and adopted it was moved by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt that the revised Constitution and By-Laws be adopted as a whole. Carried.

It was then moved and adopted that the Committee on Revision of the Constitution be a committee to see to the editing and printing of the Constitution and By-Laws in the minutes of the Synod. (See appendix).

The consideration of the plan for a fund for Superannuated Ministers, etc., was resumed. The proposed Rules and Regulations were adopted. (See appendix).

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The report of the Committee on President's Report was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The painstaking detail and wealth of historical information in the report indicate the fidelity with which the president, who has just retired from office, discharged his official duties.

1. With reference to the decease of William Henry Trabert, son of the Rev. Dr. Trabert, so feelingly alluded to, we propose the following action:

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withstanding the president's recommendation, the Synod does not feel able to commend the percentage plan.

7. With reference to the sums spent on Sioux Falls and Madison Mission, Resolved, that said sums represent special effort in co-operation with the General Council's Board, hence the Synod cannot expect the amounts to be returned or credited on apportionment to the General Council.

8. With respect to the apportionment of $40, for General Council expenses, the standing rule on page 72 of 1905 minutes requires its inclusion in the financial budget.

9. With reference to divorce, Resolved, That the declaration of the Milwaukee Convention of the General Council, (minutes, 1905, p. 192), be emphasized.

W. K. FRICK,
A. F. ELMQUIST,
H. O. H. MUNSON.

The Committee on Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation reported progress and was continued to report next year.

The delegates to the General Council submitted their report. The report was received and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

In attendance (163) and volume of business transacted, the Thirtieth Convention of the General Council held in the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, Oct. 12-17, 1905, surpassed its predecessors. The masterful report of President Schmauk contained "Reasons for the Permanence of the General Council," a statement of the "Attitude of the General Council to Modern Evangelism," and an appreciative reference to Dr. Krauth and his epoch-making writings.

1. The Foreign Mission report occupies nearly one hundred pages of the minutes. It sets forth the thorough system-

atizing the work in India under Dr. Harpster, steps taken for building up a native Lutheran Church in India, the revival of mission interests in America, and the recent appointment of General Secretary Drach. Revs. O. O. Eckhardt and O. L. Larson were set apart as missionaries to India during the convention. Over $56,000 were contributed to foreign missions during the biennium.

2. Of the Home Mission work it has been affirmed that the General Council "is doing a larger work on less capital than any other branch of Lutheranism." The tabulated statistics of 725 missions are given: English, 212; German, 111; Swedish, 401. Under direct supervision of the Home Mission Board are 35 missionaries serving 44 missions with 4,092 communicants. From 1901 to 1905 the work has doubled with only a trifling increase in expense. As now organized the general staff consists of Supt. Kunzmann, located in Philadelphia; Western Field Secretary Anda, of Chicago, covering the Middle West, including Wisconsin; Field Missionary Jensen, covering the remaining synodical territory, and Field Missionary Bieber, covering New England and Eastern Canada. Of twelve missions that became self-sustaining during the biennium eight are members of this Synod. Thirty-three thousand four hundred forty-seven dollars were contributed for this cause during the biennium. The Synod of the Northwest contributed $975.18 on its apportionment of $1,000 and has been apportioned $2,000 for the current biennium. The unification of English Home Missions was earnestly discussed. A plan, p. 217, with explanations, pp. 218-226, was submitted to the Synods for their action.

3. Of the Church Extension Society's capital of $106,278, $18,092 is loaned to seven churches in this Synod.

4. The wonderful development of the Sunday school and the publication work continues. The primary grades are receiving special attention. Several others are being simplified. A short and easy graded course for smaller schools has been prepared. The General Synod co-operates in the primary grades, the Young People's Paper and the Lutheran Series of 104 Biblical Charts now appearing.

5. The Publication Board now owns nearly all the papers circulating in the General Council. The business of the biennium was $135,274, done with a meagre capital. The $15,000 mortgage against 1522 Arch Street has been paid. The board's assets are $75,000.

6. Other boards and committees reported on the diverse and widespread activities of the General Council now composing a body of 12 Synods, 1,428 ministers, 2,231 congregations, and 397,492 communicants, found in every state in the Union, with interests and activities reaching to India and Porto Rico. Increased attention is being paid to parish kindergarten education and to the Deaconess cause.

7. Notable new business which will be associated with the Milwaukee Convention was: (a). The utterance concerning international arbitration as a substitution for war (p. 172). (b). The discussion of theses on "The Faith That Saves." (c). The final deliverance on Marriage and Divorce (p. 192) which merits reprinting in our minutes. (d). The illuminating "Theses on the Inner Mission" (p. 160) commended to our official attention (p. 163) which deserves discussion by this Synod. (e). The appointment of a committee on Inner Mission work, with Rev. A. J. D. Haupt and Rev. Dr. Trabert as members. In these days of intense commercialism, rapid growth of cities, and increasing complexity of industrial, social, and moral problems, no subject is more practical or pressing. (f). The appointment of a Board of Slovak Missions. (g). The appointment of committees to prepare a Digest of the Official Actions of the General Council; to locate a General Board in Chicago; to arrange for the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the General Council to be celebrated in 1907, and to consider the possibility of holding a Western General Conference. On these and other committees the General Council has utilized the services of members of this Synod.

8. The General Council approved the holding of another General Conference, fused two committees into a Committee on Conference and Practical Co-operation with General Bodies and commended the proposal to have the Lutheran General

Conference in Europe, to which it sends delegates, convene in the United States in 1907.

Distinguished members of the convention were heard in public addresses at a thronged reception tendered the General Council on Saturday night and a Lutheran mass meeting on Sunday evening. What the convention in 1888 held in Old St. John's, Minneapolis, the Mother English Church, of Minnesota, was for this state, this 1905 convention in the Mother Church of Wisconsin is for that state. From the former the General Council returned home impressed with the importance of the Northwestern English work; from the latter with its firm establishment and rapid development. Then our Synod was not yet dreamed of; now it is recognized as one of the most important agents in the anglicizing of our church in America.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
W. K. FRICK.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Eighth Session.

Saturday, June 23, 1906, 2 o'clock p. m.

Opened with hymn, Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. I. K. Mavromates.

Roll was called and minutes of the morning session approved.

The Ministerium reported recommending Rev. Alvin E. Youse, pastor-elect of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Winnipeg, for reception into the Synod. The chairman of the Examining Committee, Rev. Dr. Trabert, then presented the Rev. Mr. Youse to the president of the Synod who extended to him a hearty welcome.

Rev. Prof. Ramsey offered the following amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Synod, to be acted on at some future session:

Resolved, That this Synod amend Article III. of its Articles of Incorporation, by substituting "parish" for "congre-

gation" in the concluding sentence of the first paragraph of the said Article III., and that the officers of the Synod be instructed to take the steps necessary to carry this resolution into effect.

The Committee on Nominations for Trustees for Superannuated Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund reported as follows:

We recommend that Judge Andrew Holt be elected for the term of one year; Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., and Mr. Otto Monson for two years; Judge N. O. Werner and Hon. C. A. Smith for three years.

J. L. MURPHY,
JOHN KEEHLEY.

By vote of the Synod, Rev. J. L. Murphy cast the unanimous ballot of the Synod for the nominees and they were declared elected as nominated.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

Your Committee on Protocol would report that the minutes of last year have been found correct and properly recorded.

W. P. CHRISTY,
OTTO MONSON.

The report of the Committee on Institution for Higher Education at Duluth was received for consideration and recommitted to the committee.

A resolution was presented from the Eastern Conference, "That the Synod appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee from the Chicago Synod concerning the establishment of an educational institution of academic or collegiate grade." The resolution was adopted and the chairman appointed Rev. G. F. Gehr and Rev. Wm. Eckert.

Item 4 of the report of the Executive Committee was called for and on motion was adopted. (See report of Executive Committee). The secretary was instructed to telegraph the action to the Pacific Synod in session at Oregon City, Oregon.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee begs leave to report that we have examined the books and accounts of the treasurer of the Synod for the Synodical Year 1905-1906, and find them correct in every particular.

The books show a balance in the hands of the treasurer amounting to $84.44.

The treasurer has also in his hands securities to the amount of $415.00 which are non-interest bearing.

Respectfully submitted,

H. HAUBERT,
JAMES HARMS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The president of the Synod, Rev. Reichert, announced having received a telegram telling of the death of Mrs. Reichert's father. Rev. Reichert was excused from further attendance on the Synod.

The president appointed the following standing committees:

Examining—Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey, Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and Rev. H. K. Gebhart.

Statistics and Parochial Reports—Rev. F. S. Beistel, Rev. J A. Zundel, and Rev. John Keehley.

Archivarius—Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D.

Closed with prayer.

Ninth Session.

Monday, June 25, 1906, 9 o'clock a. m.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. Alvin E. Youse.

The first vice president, Rev. G. H. Trabert, in the absence of the president, called the meeting to order and presided to the end of the meeting of the Synod. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Institution for Higher Education at Duluth again reported. The report was as follows:

Your Committee on the Establishment of an Institution of Higher Education at Duluth, Minn., would report:

1. That no formal meeting of the committee was held since under the instructions from the Synod. Nothing could be done to secure the property without involving the Synod financially or the committee itself.

Many consultations were held and much correspondence done.

2. That conditions favorable to such an institution at Duluth are even better than a year ago.

3. That the instructions by which the committee is bound should be removed or the committee discharged.

J. L. MURPHY,
G. H. TRABERT.

Adopted.

Moved, That the committee be discharged, which action shall not be interpreted as an indication of lack of interest in this matter.

Adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee begs leave to report:

1. It presents for adoption the program for the Synod as printed, with such changes as may be necessary because of unavoidable absences.

2. Missions: (a). The work at Grand Marais has been carried on as directed by the Synod. (See the president's report for a fuller statement). We recommend that this mission

be continued. (b). A request has come from Holy Trinity congregation, Minneapolis, for an appropriation for part payment to Student Frank Croman for services rendered. We recommend that $25 be appropriated for this purpose. (c). In January of this year an urgent appeal came for aid for the carrying on of the mission at Madison, Wis., until the work could be taken up by the General Council Home Mission Board May 1. Your committee agreed to be responsible for the necessary expense. The president of the Eastern Conference was instructed to direct this work. One hundred dollars has been contributed for this mission by the several congregations of the Eastern Conference. Twenty-six dollars for expenses remain unpaid. It is recommended that the Synod pay this debt.

3. Church Extension: A loan has been made to St. John's congregation, of Stacy, Minn., of the amount in the Synodical Church Extension Fund.

4. Synodical Boundary: The following is submitted for your consideration: Inasmuch as the establishment of a General Council mission at Livingston, Mont., has given rise to the question of the boundary between the Synod of the Northwest and the Pacific Synod, we recommend, if agreeable to the Pacific Synod, that the presidents of the two Synods together with a third person to be chosen by them be a committee to determine the boundary line between the two synods.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. D. HAUPT,
A. J. REICHERT,
W. K. FRICK,
C. L. WARSTLER,
WM. F. PIEPER,
C. A. SMITH.
JAS. HARMS,

Adopted.

The Excuse Committee reported:

REPORT OF EXCUSE COMMITTEE.

Your committee would report that the following ministers and lay delegates have been excused from attendance upon

single sessions of this convention: Messrs. A. M. Dahl, Jacob Stoffel, G. F. Ehrlinger, N. Jensen, Revs. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D., A. Ramsey, J. L. Murphy, L. K. Mavromates, J. J. Clemens, and R. A. Helms.

The following have been excused from further attendance: Rev. Wm. Eckert and Mr. James Harms after Thursday afternoon; Messrs. T. Evjen, L. G. J. Mack and Prof. E. D. Busby after Friday evening; Mr. P. A. F. Smith after Saturday afternoon; your committee respectfully requests these excuses be approved.

The following is noted as absent without excuse: Rev. S. W. Kuhns.

Respectfully submitted,
P. E. BAISLER.

Adopted.

The Committee on Synodical History reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNOD HISTORY.

Fifteen copies of the history have been disposed of during the year, leaving some 375 unbound copies in the hands of the committee.

A. J. D. HAUPT.

Adopted.

Moved, That the price of the history be fixed at 50 cents for paper binding and $1.00 for cloth binding and that a discount of 20 per cent be given on all orders of one dozen or more. Carried.

The Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports submitted its report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Number of Pastors	27
Number of Congregations	31
Number of Churches and Chapels	21
Number of Parsonages	5

Valuation of Church Property		$204,225.00
Communicant Members of 1905		4043
Accessions—		
Adult Baptisms	24	
Confirmation	420	
Letter	122	
Profession of Faith	286	
Restoration	17	
Total		869
Losses—		
By Death	27	
By Transfer	87	
Dropped from Roll	297	
Total		411
Net gain during year		529
Present Membership		4,572
Number communed during year		3,026
Total Baptized Membership		7,623
Number of Infants Baptized during year		317
Contributions—		
Synodical Apportionment		$ 2,860.86
Synodical Traveling Expense Fund	$ 565.57	
Beneficence—		
Synodical Home Missions	519.54	
Beneficiary Education (Chicago Sem.)	1,380.64	
General Council Home Missions	421.13	
General Council Church Extension	583.27	
General Council Foreign Missions (India)	487.15	
General Council Foreign Missions (Porto Rico)	119.60	
Total Paid on Apportionment		4,153.44
Other Charitable Objects		918.80
Current Expenses and Church Debt		35,968.68
Grand Total		$40,842.92

Sunday Schools—

Teachers and Officers	432
Scholars Enrolled	4307
Average Attendance	2755

Contributions—

General Expense	$2,820.43
Benevolence	1,044.79

SOCIETIES.

	Membership.	Local Objects.	Benevolence.
Ladies' Aid	860	$4,401.26	$249.34
Luther League	629	540.44	86.58
Other Societies	243	252.50	71.00
Totals	1732	$5,193.20	$406.92

F. S. BEISTEL,
J. A. ZUNDEL.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

1. Resolved, That the Synodical Church Extension be included in the Synodical Home Mission column of the parochial reports.

2. Resolved, That there be a separate column for Pastors' Aid Fund.

3. Resolved, That a separate column be provided for payments on church debt so that the current expenses of congregations can more easily be determined.

Adopted.

A recess was taken at 11:30 to enable the Ministerium to meet. After the recess the Ministerium reported: Concerning the application of Rev. R. W. Yeany for membership in the Synod it is recommended that action be deferred until next year inasmuch as it is not the custom of this Synod to receive in absentia. (See minutes 1905, p. 54).

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Prof. Ramsey.

Tenth Session.

Monday, June 25, 1906, 12:50 o'clock p. m.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Frick.

Roll was called and minutes were read and approved.

Moved by Rev. Haupt, that the matter of publishing a synodical handbook to contain, (1) The Certificate of Incorporation, (2) The Constitution and By-Laws of the Synod, (3) The Standing Rules, (4) Model Constitution for Congregations, (5) Rules and Regulations for the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund, be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Adopted.

Rev. Gebhart moved: Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are hereby extended to the pastor and members of Salem Church for the very generous hospitality accorded us, and that the pastor convey these thanks to the congregation at the regular service next Sunday morning. Adopted unanimously.

The following amendments to the Model Constitution were presented by Rev. Haupt:

Resolved, That the Synod recommend to the congregations of the Synod the adoption of the following amendments to their constitution and that they be added to the Model Constitution proposed to congregations.

Article II., Sec. 2, (additional paragraph).

Should this congregation decide to change its synodical connection the president of the Synod shall immediately be notified and the congregation shall proceed as required by the synodical constitution.

Carried.

Article VII., Sec. 3, last clause to read: "The time, place and object of the meeting must be announced at the public services on at least two Sundays before the day of such meeting."

Carried.

Article III., Sec. 3, (voters) to be placed under Article VII., Sec. 4.

Carried.

Article IV., Sec. 3, second paragraph and Article XI., Sec. 1, be amended to read: "A two-thirds vote of the legal voters, etc." instead of "a majority of, etc."

Carried.

It was further suggested that Sec. 5 be added to Article VII., as follows: "In voting on the question of withdrawal from the Synod, or on the election or resignation of a pastor, a list of the legal voters shall be called and the tellers shall collect their ballots. If any one has good reason to doubt the right of a member to vote he may challenge the right as soon as the name is called until the voter's right be determined."

Ordered printed for information and laid over for final action to the next meeting of the Synod.

Moved, That the matter of assessments for the Ministers' and Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund be left to the board of Trustees of the fund for adjustment. Carried.

The Committee on Apportionment and Traveling Expense reported as follows:

APPORTIONMENT.

Synodical Expense (G. C. Expense, $40.00)	$ 365.36
Traveling Expense	233.23
Chicago Seminary	456.70
Beneficiary Education	137.00
General Council Foreign Missions (India)	456.70
General Council Foreign Missions (Porto Rico)	228.60
General Council Home Mission	1,000.00
General Council Church Extension	456.70
Synodical Home Missions	456.70

FRANK E. JENSEN,
JACOB STOFFEL.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

	Apportionment	Synodical Expense	General Benevolences
Memorial, St. Paul	$ 271.42	$ 26.32	$ 227.01
Trinity, St. Paul	146.02	14.16	122.13
St. John's, Duluth	152.62	14.80	127.65
St. James', St. Paul	140.25	13.60	117.30
Trinity, Lindstrom	115.50	11.20	96.60
St. John's, Stacy	42.90	4.16	35.88
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	119.62	11.60	100.05
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	20.62	2.00	18.00
Holy Communion, Racine	303.60	29.44	253.94
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	123.75	12.00	103.50
Grace, Kenosha	140.25	13.60	117.30
First English, Platteville	217.80	21.12	182.16
St. Peter's, Janesville	127.00	12.32	106.26
Advent, Cedarburg	33.00	3.20	27.60
Epiphany, Milwaukee	64.35	6.24	53.82
Holy Trinity, Superior	29.70	2.88	24.84
St. Mark's, Fargo	132.00	12.80	110.40
First Church, Winnipeg	28.87	2.80	24.15
Holy Trinity, Madison	33.00	3.20	27.60
Redeemer, Milwaukee	372.07	36.08	311.19
St. Luke's, Goodhue	111.37	10.80	93.15
Cannon Falls	58.82	5.84	50.37
Salem, Minneapolis	244.86	25.94	219.42
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	16.50	1.60	13.80
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul	61.87	6.00	51.75
St. John's, Minneapolis	258.22	25.04	215.97
St. Paul's, Red Wing	284.22	27.60	237.65
Redeemer, Zumbrota	15.67	1.52	13.11
St. Paul's, Waterloo	28.87	2.80	24.15
Atonement, Beloit	20.62	2.00	17.25
Redeemer, Livingston	33.00	3.20	27.60
Totals	$3,738.41	$365.36	$3,160.83

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Itemized Traveling Expense Report.

	Exp. Clrgy	Exp. Lay-man	Total Trav. Exp.	Assess-ment	Amt. due Synod	Amt. due Cong
Memorial, St. Paul	$ .40	$....	$....	$18.09	$17.68	$....
Trinity, St. Paul	.20	.20	.40	9.73	9.33	.....
Trinity, Lindstrom	1.16	.80	1.96	7.70	5.74	.....
St. John's, Duluth	4.30	8.00	12.30	10.17	.....	2.12
St. James', St. Paul	.20	.20	.40	9.15	8.75	.....
St. John's, Stacy	.....	.....	.....	2.86	2.86	.....
St. Mark's, Minneapolis	.....	.....	.....	7.97	7.97	.....
Holy Trinity, Minneapolis	.....	.....	.....	1.37	1.37	.....
Holy Communion, Racine	10.40	13.80	24.20	20.24	.....	3.96
Grand Marais	4.30	.....	4.30	.....	.....	4.30
Holy Trinity, La Crosse	4.24	5.65	9.89	8.25	.....	1.64
Grace, Kenosha	10.70	.....	10.70	9.35	.....	1.35
First English, Platteville	9.30	14.00	23.30	14.52	.....	8.78
St. Peter's, Janesville	9.30	12.40	21.70	8.47	.....	13.23
Advent, Cedarburg	.....	.....	.....	2.20	2.20	.....
Epiphany, Milwaukee	9.70	12.94	22.64	4.29	.....	18.35
Holy Trinity, Superior	4.30	.....	4.30	1.98	.....	2.32
St. Mark's, Fargo	7.24	14.48	21.72	8.80	.....	12.92
First, Winnipeg	13.30	.....	13.30	1.92	.....	11.27
Holy Trinity, Madison	8.00	.....	8.00	2.20	.....	5.80
Redeemer, Milwaukee	9.70	14.00	23.70	24.80	1.10	.....
St. Luke's, Goodhue	.....	.....	.....	7.42	7.42	.....
1st Church, Cannon Falls	.....	.....	.....	2.61	2.61	.....
Redeemer, Sioux Falls	.....	.....	.....	1.10	1.10	.....
St. Mark's, N. St. Paul	.....	.30	.30	4.12	3.82	.....
St. John's, Minneapolis	.....	.....	.....	17.21	17.21	.....
St. Paul's, Red Wing	1.62	2.90	4.52	18.97	14.38	.....
Redeemer, Zumbrota	2.70	.....	2.70	1.04	.....	1.65
St. Paul's, Waterloo	.....	.....	1.92	1.92	.....	.....
Atonement, Beloit	9.80	12.90	22.70	1.37	.....	21.32
Redeemer, Livingston	.....	.....	2.20	2.20	.....	.....

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. JENSEN.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

An invitation was extended by Rev. W. P. Christy in behalf of St. Peter's Congregation, Janesville, Wis., to hold the

next meeting of the Synod at that place. The invitation was accepted.

The time of the next meeting to be the second Wednesday after Trinity Sunday, 1907.

The Synod was then closed by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., acting president, according to the Order for Closing Synods.

C. L. WARSTLER, Secretary.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Minutes of the Ministerium.

First Meeting.

Thursday, June 21, 1906, 11:40 o'clock a. m.

The Ministerium was called to order by the chairman and opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. Eckert.

The Examining Committee submitted a partial report. On motion, the item recommending Mr. Paul Hoerlein Roth for ordination was adopted.

Closed, with prayer by Rev. J. J. Clemens.

Second Meeting.

Thursday, June 21, 1906, 2 o'clock p. m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Elmquist.

Moved, by Dr. Frick, That the Ministerium recommend to the Synod that Rev. Lazarus K. Mavromates be received into the Synod on a public declaration of his hearty acceptance of the faith of the Lutheran Church as set forth in Article II. of the Constitution of Synod.

Adopted.

Moved, That this public declaration be framed by the president and secretary of the Synod and Rev. Prof. Ramsey and be made at the ordination service this evening. Carried.

Adjourned.

Third Meeting.

Saturday, June 23, 1906, 8:50 a. m.

Opened, with prayer by Rev. W. P. Christy. A partial

report of the Examining Committee was considered. Adjourned to meet at 1:45 p. m.

Fourth Meeting.

Saturday, June 23, 1906, 1:45 p. m.

Opened, with prayer by Rev. Baisler. Item four of the Examining Committee's report was considered and adopted.

The report as adopted as a whole:

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee has held a colloquium with Mr. Paul H. Roth, a graduate of Thiel College and of the Chicago Theological Seminary, and pastor-elect of the Church of the Atonement, Beloit, Wis. We recommend his reception.

Mr. Lazarus K. Mavromates, purposing to take up work in our Synod, appeared before the committee. He comes from the Congregational Church, having studied at Anatolia College, Marsonan, Turkey, and at Hartford Theological Seminary. He took a two-years' course in the Chicago Theological Seminary and was confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago. The colloquium held with him showed him to be sound as to Lutheran doctrine and that he is heartily in accord with the principles of our Lutheran church. We recommend him for reception into this body, upon his making a public declaration of his faith and purpose before the assembled Synod.

Rev. C. W. Valentine, of the New York Ministerium, and pastor-elect of Holy Trinity, Lindstrom, Minn., was before your committee, having made application for membership in this body. A letter, bearing date of June 12, 1905, dismissing him to the English Evangelical Lutheran District Synod of Ohio, was placed in our hands, but no letter of dismissal to this body. Our constitution clearly states that "A Lutheran minister applying for membership in this Synod, shall, if possible, furnish a letter of dismissal from the Synod with which he has been connected." Such letter not having been furnished, your committee cannot recommend him for reception at this time.

Rev. Alvin E. Youse, pastor-elect of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Winnipeg, appeared before the committee, and presents a regular letter of transfer from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania to this Synod. We recommend his reception.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
H. K. GEBHART,
ALFRED RAMSEY.

Adjourned.

Fifth Meeting.

Monday, June 25, 1906, 11:30 a. m.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Frick. A supplementary report of the Examining Committee was received and adopted.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

A letter transferring Rev. R. W. Yeaney from the Pittsburg Synod to this body has been received. Owing to his inability to be present, and in accordance with the action of last year, (see printed minutes, p. 54) we recommend that the consideration of his application be postponed until next year.

GEORGE H. TRABERT,
H. K. GEBHART,
ALFRED RAMSEY.

Adjourned.

C. L. WARSTLER, Secretary.

Special Services.

Wednesday Evening.

Home Mission service.
Vespers, conducted by Rev. P. E. Baisler.
Address by Rev. F. E. Jensen and Rev. W. H. Gable.

Thursday Evening.

Ordination service.
Liturgical service by Rev. A. J. Reichert, president, and Rev. Prof. Alfred Ramsey.
Sermon by Rev. C. L. Warstler.
The Office and Work of the Christian Minister. 1 Cor. 14:3.
Ordination of Paul Hoerlein Roth.

Friday Evening.

Foreign Mission service.
Vespers, conducted by Rev. G. F. Gehr and Rev. J. J. Clemens.
Address by Rev. George Drach, general secretary, General Council Board of Foreign Missions.

Sunday Morning.

Morning service by Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.
Sermon by Rev. J. L. Murphy.
"Following Christ." Luke 9:57-62.

Sunday Evening.

Centenary of English Lutheran Church in America.
Vespers conducted by Rev. J. A. Zundel.
Addresses by Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., and Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D.

Parochial Reports from Whitsunday, June 22, 1905 to Whitsunday, June 3, 1906.

In'x No.	Church and Location	Name and Address of Pastor	Organized	Value of Prop'ty	Comu'nt Members	Baptized Members	No. Com'und	Children Baptized	Accessions					Losses		
									Ad'lt Bapt.	Con-firm.	By Let.	Con-faith	Re-sto'd	By De'th	By Tran.	Dropped
	Minnesota															
1	St. John's, Minneapolis, 17th St. and Chicago Ave.....	Rev. A. F. Elmquist, Ph. D. 1517 Portland Ave., Mpls.	1883	$14,000	313	....	....	14	1	30	17	21	...	...	6	...
2	Memorial, St. Paul, W. 6th St., near Exchange St.	Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, 175 Iglehart St., St. Paul	1883	17,000	329	579	258	32	2	22	4	11	5	3	4	21
3	Trinity, St. Paul, Corner Robie and Ada Sts....	Rev. C. L. Warstler, 241 E.Congress St.,St.Paul	1886	6,400	177	408	150	37	1	28	...	15	...	...	1	9
4	St. Paul's, Red Wing, West Ave., near 4th St.....	Rev. A. J. Reichert, 610 Fourth St., Red Wing	1886	4,000	345	495	265	16	...	27	...	4	2	4	16	13
5	Salem, Minneapolis, 28th St. and Garfield Ave.....	Rev. G. H. Trabert, D. D., 610 W. 28th St., Mpls....	1890	41,000	318	590	261	16	4	29	6	23	...	2	8	21
6	St. John's, Duluth, 3rd St. and Lake Ave., N.....	Rev. J. L. Murphy, 312 Lake Ave. N., Duluth	1890	10,000	185	409	105	14	...	26	5	11	...	2	3	26
7	St. Mark's, North St. Paul,	Rev. L. K. Mavromates, North St. Paul.....	1890	3,000	75	206	40	....	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	50
8	St. James', St. Paul, Marshall Ave. and Grotto St..	Rev. Frank S. Beistel, 747 Portland Ave.,St.Paul	1895	5,000	170	360	150	10	1	24	7	9	...	1	3	3
9	St. Luke's, Goodhue,	Vacant	1897	2,500	135	166	70	12	...	18	...	...	...	1	...	...
10	Eng. Ev. Lutheran, Cannon Falls	Vacant	1900	3,000	73	101	45	10	...	8	...	1	...	3	...	...
11	Trinity, Lindstrom.....	{ Rev. C. W. Valentine, }	1901	10,000	140	265	120	5	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	St. John's, Stacy.....	} Lindstrom,(act'ig past.) }	1904	1,500	52	70	41	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	1	5
13	St. Mark's, Minneapolis, 23rd Ave. N. and Lyndale Ave.	Rev. Jno. Keehley, 613 23rd Ave., N. Mpls..	1902	4,500	145	270	120	20	1	8	13	13	...	2	2	20
14	Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, 26th and Franklin Aves.....	Vacant	1905	.....	25	40	26	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	5
15	Lutheran Church, Zumbrota.....	Rev. R. A. Helms, Cannon Falls, (acting pastor)...	1905	.....	19	....	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Wisconsin															
16	Church of the Redeemer, Milw'kee, 16th St., near Grand Ave.....	Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., ... 2305 Cedar St.,Milwaukee	1890	15,000	451	644	337	15	2	31	5	19	...	...	17	23
17	Church of Holy Communion, Racine, 10th St. & Wash'ton Ave.	Rev. William Eckert, 1034 Wash'ton Av.,Racine	1898	12,000	368	728	286	17	1	32	4	26	...	2	6	10
18	Church of Holy Trinity, La Crosse West Ave. and Ferry St.....	Rev. J. J. Clemens, 1334 Ferry St., La Crosse	1898	10,000	150	410	133	13	1	25	...	6	...	3	...	6

Parochial Reports.—Continued.

19	Grace Church, Kenosha, Prairie and Lyman Aves.....	Rev. P. E. Baisler, 861 Prairie Ave, Kenosha	1901 1902	13,000	170 264	470 397	130 221	28 15	1 2	22 16	... ...	17 6	... ...	... 2	2 3	19 19
20	First Eng. Lutheran, Platteville,	Rev. H. K. Gebhart, Platteville														
21	St. Peter's, Janesville, Jackson and Center Sts.....	Rev. W. P. Christy, Jackson and Center Sts..	1903	12,000	154	254	92	11	1	10	...	32	...	...	2	...
22	Church of the Advent, Cedarburg,	Student C. A. Dennig, Cedarburg	1904	.....	40	115	40	1	...	4	1	2	...	...	3	...
23	Church of the Epiphany, Milw'kee, Strauss Bldg., 914 3rd St.....	Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, 1011½ 2nd St., Milwaukee	1905	8,000	78	210	57	7	3	12	13	7	...	...	2	7
24	Holy Trinity, Superior, John Ave. and 14th St.....	Rev. Willis Beck..... 1722 Hughitt Ave, Supe'or	1905	.....	36	108	20	2	...	7	3	...	10	...	2	2
25	Church of the Atonement, Beloit,	Rev. Paul H. Roth, 311 Locust St., Beloit....	1905	125	40	62	29	3	...	2	...	12	...	...	2	4
26	Waterloo	Rev. A. C. Anda, (acting pastor)	1906	.....	35	....	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Holy Trinity, Madison..... 116 State St.....	Rev. A. C. Petersen, (acting pastor)	1906	.....	40	51	....	4	...	...	38	2	...	...	...	...
	North Dakota															
28	St. Mark's, Fargo, 4th Ave. and 8th St. N.....	Rev. J. A. Zundel, 319 8th St. N., Fargo....	1891	5,000	160	340	157	16	1	23	2	10	...	...	2	18
	South Dakota															
29	Church of the Redeemer, Sioux Falls, 12th St. near Dakota Av	Rev. R. W. Yeaney.....	1905	.....	20	60	....	5	1	...	...	19	...	...	...	...
	Montana															
30	Church of the Redeemer, Livingston	Rev. A. C. Anda, (acting pastor)	1906	.....	40	....	....	....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Canada															
31	First Church, Winnipeg, Ellice Ave. and Beverley St...	Rev. Alvin E. Youse, 559 Ellice Ave, Winnipeg	1905	7,200	35	155	30	7	1	6	...	18	...	...	2	16

Parochial Reports.—Concluded.

Index No.	Apportionment	CONTRIBUTIONS.—Including those of Sunday Schools and Church Societies.										Sunday Schools				
		Synod and Traveling Expn's	Synod Home Mis'ns	Benefic Educ'n and Chic. sem.	G. C. Home Mis'ns	G. C. Church Extension	G. C. For'gn Mis'ns India	G. C. For'gn Mis'ns P. Rico	Total Paid on Apportionm,t	Other Benevolences	Curre't Expn's and Church Debt	Grand Total	Teach. & Officers	Scholars	Average Atten'ce	Cur'nt pn's	Benevolences
1	$178.00	$43.00	$ 5.64	$280.00	$.....	$ 35.05	$.....	$.....	$363.69	$ 43.26	$4,205.00	$4,611.95	30	260	175	$250.00	$ 45.00
2	222.88	53.86	*75.00	.....	63.17	102.44	45.48	15.59	355.54	6.00	2,246.16	2,607.70	21	184	129	111.85	121.16
3	101.70	24.48	15.70	27.24	27.67	13.67	17.72	.....	126.48	3.50	1,465.57	1,595.55	25	231	145	100.16	.....
4	245.73	32.05	.....	160.25	13.38	37.16	23.21	5.00	271.05	25.90	1,310.00	1,606.95	16	200	130	117.00	40.00
5	204.38	49.40	§242.89	78.10	68.68	101.68	74.42	10.00	625.17	158.29	2,441.21	3,224.67	26	337	185	163.27	167.32
6	125.24	30.20	14.08	22.88	17.60	17.60	17.60	5.28	125.24	13.94	2,159.18	2,298.36	20	200	120	124.17	124.00
...	Trinity, Duluth, Rev. Murphy, Pastor												3	36	18	23.00	3.50
7	90.30	10.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93.80	.....	.....	.....	10	109	63	51.70	.....
8	96.89	23.45	17.72	128.50	14.15	43.37	8.19	.....	235.38	17.19	1,782.79	2,035.36	20	179	120	237.33	.....
9	83.85	20.13	3.87	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	7.75	355.00	387.75	4	35	....	.....	.....
10	47.52	11.34	13.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25.00	.....	392.00	417.00	4	40	30	.....	.....
11	88.16	21.76	3.20	50.00	.....	.....	3.26	.....	78.12	20.00	919.00	1,013.92	9	125	105	.....	.....
12	38.24	9.08	5.18	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.26	.....	624.38	644.64	8	91	55	61.89	.....
13	95.29	22.95	20.72	25.00	12.00	16.65	13.50	5.25	116.07	75.00	1,762.76	1,953.83	19	160	115	187.55	40.00
14	19.01	4.43	4.56	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	.81	20.60	.....	288.68	309.28	5	40	25	41.78	2.75
15	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....
...	St. Stephens' S. S., St. Paul, Revs. Beistel and Warstler, Pastors												6	60	35	55.00	2.35
16	308.93	73.42	17.30	86.55	°58.00	5.00	96.34	44.40	391.01	251.98	3,295.85	3,938.84	20	205	140	144.82	208.00
...	Reformation Church S. S., Milwaukee					6.00	.....		6.00	.....	80.70	86.70	12	97	78	13.06	6.00
17	200.26	25.84	25.00	135.00	35.00	40.00	67.37	18.68	346.89	64.80	2,500.00	2,911.69	51	486	318	415.00	94.32
18	78.74	10.16	3.50	10.00	11.92	20.00	30.00	.....	85.58	.....	1,494.34	1,579.92	19	202	126	103.88	25.00
19	107.42	23.88	15.00	10.50	8.25	27.50	12.75	4.20	102.08	8.04	1,655.00	1,765.12	20	240	133	165.50	48.75
20	187.98	15.07	7.25	174.25	56.06	15.79	30.00	.....	298.42	16.40	973.84	1,288.66	12	124	80	61.70	.....
21	80.34	19.32	9.04	29.69	11.30	11.30	11.30	3.39	80.34	58.00	1,457.00	1,610.34	10	100	60	45.00	35.00
22	26.13	2.88	.....	58.75	9.00	3.42	2.00	.....	76.05	.....	.....	76.05	7	60	40	.....	.....
...	Church of the Good Shepherd S. S., Thiensville, Wis.												5	32	24	.....	.....
23	36.83	7.55	.....	10.23	9.00	15.00	4.00	2.00	47.78	2.00	2,092.62	2,142.40	13	135	64	131.99	.....
24	15.01	3.21	1.40	.....	3.25	3.30	.....	.....	11.16	.....	151.55	162.71	5	67	35	26.50	.....
25	24.70	.....	8.50	50.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	58.50	.....	.....	58.50	5	22	12	.....	.....
27	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....	.....	4.00	5	20	....	.....	.....
28	106.70	25.70	10.33	30.00	.....	57.09	17.73	5.00	145.85	136.75	1,558.91	1,973.66	15	180	115	131.24	79.11
29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80.00	80.00	4	30	28	12.00	.....
30	No Report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	.....	.....
31	19.71	2.25	.....	.....	.....	14.55	3.58	.....	20.38	.....	497.11	517.49	9	80	57	10.03	3.58

* Including $10.00 Synodical Church Extension. § Including $110.00 Synodical Church Extension. ° German H. M. $24.00.

Appendix.

Plan for Providing a Fund in Support of Superannuated Ministers and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers in the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

1. The NAME of this fund shall be THE MINISTERS' AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND OF THE ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

2. This fund shall be sustained by the annual contributions of pastors and congregations, by private donations and by bequests.

3. Every pastor of the Synod shall pay into this fund, on or before the 3d day of January of each year, a sum amounting to one-half of one per cent (½%) of his salary which shall include a reasonable rent of the parsonage, if one is provided by the congregation. It is further provided that in case his congregation refuses to pay its assessment into the fund he shall pay one per cent (1%) of his salary as provided in rule 14.

4. Each congregation shall pay at the rate of one per cent (1%) of its annual income for current expenses, which amount shall be added to its annual budget and be paid into the fund on or before the 3d day of January of each year. The contribution to this fund shall be regarded an obligation just as binding as paying the salary of the pastor, and the half rate granted the pastor is conditional upon the prompt payment of this assessment by the congregation.

5. Private donations by direct gifts, or legacies may be made to the treasurer at any time, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

THE BOARD.

6. A board composed of five members shall have control of the fund. The members of this board shall be elected by the Synod to serve for three years, one member of the

first board being elected for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, and their successors for three years, any member of the board being eligible for re-election.

7. In case of a vacancy occurring in the board during the year, the remaining members shall have power to fill the same until the next meeting of the Synod.

8. The board shall elect its own officers and shall keep a strict account of all moneys received and invested and of all benefits paid, and shall render a full report to the Synod at each annual convention.

9. Each member of the board shall be personally responsible to the Synod for all moneys and investments made and shall give bonds to the Synod in such amounts as may be fixed from time to time by the Synod. The costs of the bond shall be borne by the fund.

10. The board shall receive and invest all the moneys contributed for this fund and administer the same as the Synod may direct, unless otherwise ordered by Synod. It shall fix the amount of benefit to be paid in each case, and shall pay the same to the beneficiary as provided for in rules 12 and 13.

11. No aid shall be rendered from this fund until the fund shall reach ten thousand dollars, ($10,000), but in case of special need the board may request a special contribution from the congregations. It is further provided that the principal of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) shall not be used except as a perpetual investment for the fund.

BENEFICIARIES.

12. Any minister of the Synod becoming superannuated or disabled and incapable for pastoral work or teaching, shall receive such amount annually (to be paid in quarterly installments) as the board, according to the circumstances and the amount in the fund may justify, or as the Synod may have designated.

13. A minister's widow shall receive a benefit from the fund as long as she remain a widow, if in the judgment of the board it be deemed necessary. Should she marry again the aid shall cease. Should she die leaving orphan children, the amount

of support to be rendered each child shall be determined by the board according to their needs, but all such benefits shall cease upon the sixteenth birthday of each child, or sooner at the discretion of the board.

14. A minister of the Synod, not a regular pastor of a congregation but engaged in the service of the church, shall enjoy the benefit of the fund provided he pays annually one per cent (1%) of his salary into the fund, unless for some sufficient reasons Synod make for him a special rate.

15. Should a minister who has contributed to the fund for three (3) years, move out of the Synod, he may continue to enjoy the benefits of the fund by contributing annually to the fund such an amount as in the judgment of the board shall be equitable and just both to the Synod and to the beneficiary, provided he remains in the active work of the ministry, and in good standing in some synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

16. Any minister relinquishing the active ministry to engage in purely secular work shall be excluded from the benefits of the fund as it is intended for those only who give their entire time and strength to the service of the Church.

17. Every minister and congregation applying for membership in the Synod shall be notified by the president of the Synod of the rules and provisions made for the aid of the pastors, and their widows and orphans.

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Synod.

Your committee appointed in 1902 and augmented in 1904 by the addition of Rev. W. K. Frick, D. D., thought it was ready to make a full report at the last meeting of the Synod but was prevented, owing to the press of other business. During the past year the committee has had several meetings and has carefully reviewed the whole constitution, even that part adopted at the meeting at Lindstrom, and finds a few very important changes which we beg leave to submit for the consideration of the Synod.

We trust that our labors will meet with your approval and that the Synod may find pleasure in adopting the proposed constitution, which is herewith respectfully submitted.

A. J. D. HAUPT,
A. RAMSEY,
C. L. WARSTLER,
W. K. FRICK,
Committee.

Constitution *of the*

English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

The name of this Synod shall be **The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest.**

ARTICLE II.

Faith.

This Synod believes and confesses that the Canonical Books of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and that the three general Creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian—and the Symbolical Books of the Lutheran Church, namely, the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Small and Large Catechisms of Luther, and the Formula of Concord, are a true exposition and defence of that divine Word; by which rule and confession all questions of faith and practices shall be decided.

ARTICLE III.

Duties and Powers.

The duties and powers of this Synod shall be:

1. To maintain and extend the Kingdom of God, by the pure preaching of the Word and the right administration of the Sacraments.

2. To decide questions of doctrine, worship, duty, or discipline.

3. To devise and execute wise and scriptural plans for the education of the young, the increase of a godly and efficient ministry, the diffusion of sound literature, and the prosecution of the missionary and charitable operations of the church.

4. To receive, oversee, and dismiss ministers and congregations.

5. To co-operate with other synods through a general body, in the larger work of the church.

ARTICLE IV.

Members.

1. This Synod shall consist of congregations and ministers using the English language (in whole or in part) in their public ministrations and services, that hold the faith as set forth in Article II., and that have been received according to the provisions of this constitution.

2. Of congregations.

(a). A congregation applying for membership, whose constitution is approved by the Synod, may be received by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present. It may subsequently adopt amendments to its constitution not in conflict with this constitution, provided said amendments shall be first submitted to the president of the Synod for information, and, if adopted, reported to him for record.

(b). Every congregation, inasmuch as it receives all the benefits of the synodical union, shall be faithful to the Synod in all matters of support, practice and government.

(c). Should the question of withdrawal from the Synod arise, the church council shall notify the president of the Synod, who shall appoint a committee, of which he shall be a member, if possible, to be present at the congregational meeting regularly called according to the provision of its constitution, in order to confer with and advise the congregation. If at such a meeting two-thirds (2-3) of the legal voters present favor

withdrawal, the matter shall lie over at least six (6) months. If, at a second meeting duly called, two-thirds (2-3) of the legal voters decide to withdraw, the president of the Synod shall dismiss the congregation.

3. Of ministers.

(a). A Lutheran minister applying for membership in this Synod shall, if possible, furnish a letter of transfer from the Synod with which he has been connected and be subject to a colloquium with the examining committee, which shall report to the Ministerium. The Ministerium shall report to the Synod and a four-fifths (4-5) vote of the members present in synodical session shall be necessary for his reception.

(b). A minister of other than Lutheran connections applying for membership, shall in addition to the requirements of (a), make a public declaration of his hearty acceptance of the faith of the Lutheran church as set forth in Article II. Applications for ordination shall be made to the president and referred to the Examining Committee.

(c). Each candidate shall present to the Examining Committee satisfactory evidence of Christian character and life and be examined as to his motives for entering the ministry, his doctrinal agreement with this Synod, and the thoroughness of his preparation; as to the latter the diploma of an Evangelical Lutheran theological seminary may be accepted as sufficient evidence. The Examining Committee shall report to the Ministerium and the Ministerium to the Synod, which, by a four-fifths (4-5) vote of the members present, may authorize the ordination of the candidate, if he have accepted a rightful call. He shall be ordained at the annual meeting of the Synod by the ministerial officers, with such ministerial assistants as the president may select. In an extraordinary case the Synod may make special provision for the examination and ordination of the candidate.

(d). A minister of this Synod shall avoid fellowship with any society or order for religious ends, which does not rest on God's Word nor recognize the Lord Jesus Christ as the God-man, the only Mediator between God and man, or which teaches doctrines or has usages or forms of worship

condemned in the Holy Scriptures and our Lutheran Confessions, or which assumes to itself what God has committed to His church alone; and especially with every such society or order as, without divine warrant, requires undefined obligations to be assumed by oath. If, after due admonition, a minister persist in fellowship with any such society or order, whether secret of not, he shall be subject to discipline.

(e). A minister of this Synod, accepting a call to a parish within the Synod, shall inform the president and apply for installation.

(f). A minister of another synod, accepting a call to a parish within this Synod, shall notify the president, but, until received as a member of this Synod, he shall not be installed except with the written consent of the presidents of the Synod and the Conference, and of the Examining Committee. Until regularly installed, the pastor-elect is but the acting pastor of the congregation.

(g). Every pastor of this Synod shall observe this constitution and rules of the Synod. He shall be faithful in preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments, in giving catechetical instruction, and supervising the schools of the congregation, in pastoral visitation, and in matters of discipline. He shall keep accurate records of his ministerial acts in the record book of each congregation served by him, and annually report its condition to the Synod.

(h). A minister of the Synod shall not begin a mission except with the consent of the president of the Synod or divide a parish or give up any part thereof without the approval of the Conference concerned. He shall not preach or perform any ministerial acts within another parish without the consent of the pastor thereof, or make pastoral visits, or perform ministerial acts in a vacant congregation, except by invitation of the Church Council, or by the advice and with the consent of the president of the Synod or Conference.

A violation of these regulations may subject the offender to discipline. The word parish shall be construed to mean the membership of the congregation and not certain geographical limits and bounds.

(i). A minister in good and regular standing, withdraw-

ing in a constitutional way from work within this Synod, shall receive from the president, upon request, a letter of transfer to another Lutheran synod, but shall be amenable to this Synod until formally received into said synod.

(j). Should a minister, on account of failing health or old age, find himself constrained to demit the duties of the ministry, his name shall be continued on the roll. But should a minister engage exclusively in secular work, the Synod shall require him to return his ordination papers. In case he declines to do so within a year from the time of such notification, the president shall lay the matter before the Ministerium for action. In case such minister again accepts a call to a congregation and there be nothing against his character, his ordination papers shall be returned.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

1. The Synod shall meet annually at the time specified in the by-laws.

The time and place of the meeting, or either, may be changed by the Executive Committee at the request of a majority of the ministers.

2. Special meetings shall be called by the president on the request signed by one-fifth (1-5) of the ministers, but no business shall be transacted at a special meeting except that specified in the call.

3. A parish is entitled to be represented by its pastor or pastors and an equal number of lay delegates; but it shall not be deprived of lay representation on account of a vacancy in the pastorate.

4. It shall be the duty of all ministers and lay delegates to attend the meetings of the Synod from the opening to the close thereof, and nothing but urgent necessity or positive inability to attend, shall be regarded as a valid excuse for absence. Absentees shall send written excuses to the president or secretary. A parish that repeatedly fails of representation may be subject to discipline.

5. One-third (1-3) of the ministers, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum.

6. Notice of the time and place of the meetings shall be given by the secretary, in "The Lutheran," at least four (4) weeks in advance.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers.

1. The officers of this Synod shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer, to be elected annually by ballot. The president and secretary shall be ministers. The election shall proceed without nomination, and a two-thirds (2-3) vote shall elect. Should a third ballot be necessary, the vote shall be confined to the two receiving the highest number of votes on the second ballot, and a majority shall elect. The president shall in no case hold office for more than three (3) consecutive years, unless elected by a four-fifths (4-5) vote of the Synod, but this restriction shall not hold after the seventh (7) ballot. The presidents of the Conferences shall, in the order of their ordination, be ex-officio, the vice presidents of the Synod.

2. The president shall discharge the usual duties of the office, exercise pastoral oversight of the congregations, institutions and ministers of the Synod, arrange for installations and, at the request of the congregation, attend the laying of corner-stones and the consecration of churches; when possible attend the meetings of the conferences, and in general perform such duties as will promote the harmony and development of the Synod.

He shall report in writing at each annual meeting, all his official acts and the state of the churches and institutions of the Synod, and submit any suggestions or recommendations he may deem proper.

3. The secretary shall discharge the duties usually pertaining to the office, report to the Executive Committee all items of unfinished business and all matters in the minutes requiring the Synod's attention, and deposit in the archives all records and other documents of historical value.

4. The treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the Synod, shall pay out synodical money only as ordered by Synod or by the Executive Committee and shall transmit all moneys contributed for benevolent purposes as specified by the donors.

He shall report annually his receipts and disbursements, accompanied by vouchers, and shall have a voice in the meetings of Synod.

He shall furnish bonds if the Synod so require.

5. These officers may be properly remunerated by Synod.

6. In case of a vacancy in any of these offices the Executive Committee shall fill the same until the next meeting of Synod.

7. The officers are empowered to receive, hold, sign, and convey for the Synod, all deeds, bonds, or other legal documents as the Synod may direct. The president shall be the custodian of the seal.

ARTICLE VII.

Committees.

1. The Ministerium, consisting of all the ministers of the Synod, shall constitute a committee on the ordination, reception and discipline of ministers, under the provisions set forth in this constitution.

One-third (1-3) of the ministers shall constitute a quorum. The president and secretary of the Synod shall be the chairman and secretary of the Ministerium.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Synod, and the president and a lay member of each Conference. The president of the Synod shall be, ex-officio, chairman of the committee.

It shall have charge of the educational and missionary operations of the Synod, and see that the resolutions of Synod are carried out.

It shall meet regularly within the week preceding the annual meeting of the Synod to consider and formulate the important business to come before Synod. Other meetings

shall be held at the call of the president, two other members concurring.

3. A Credential Committee of three, (3) consisting of the secretary, one minister and one layman, shall be appointed by the president and announced at the opening service of Synod.

4. Regular committees as provided for in the by-laws shall be appointed by the president as soon as possible after his election.

5. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the president to serve until the close of the next annual meeting:

(a). An Examining Committee of ministers.

(b). A Committee on Statistics and Parochial Reports, one of whom shall be a minister, to whom all parochial reports shall be sent not later than Monday after Trinity Sunday.

(c). An Archivarius.

ARTICLE VIII.

Conferences.

1. The Synod shall be divided into Conferences, composed of the congregations and ministers located within certain boundaries, defined from time to time by Synod.

2. The duties and powers of the Conferences shall be: to assist in carrying out the resolutions of the Synod; to elect a lay member of the Executive Committee of the Synod and in connection with said committee, to develop the mission fields within their bounds; with the consent of the congregations directly affected thereby, to form or alter parishes; to endeavor to restore harmony in cases of controversy or disagreement between congregations or within a congregation; to hear and decide cases of appeal, concerning laymen, from the decisions of congregations or church councils; to discuss theological and practical questions, and to attend to such matters as may be referred to them by Synod.

3. Each conference shall hold two or more regular meetings a year, one of which shall be held at Synod for

the election of officers and a lay member of the Executive Committee.

Special meetings shall be called by the president, at the written request of one-third (1-3) of the ministers; but no business shall be transacted except that specified in the call.

Each congregation shall be entitled to one lay delegate.

One-third (1-3) of the ministers, with the lay delegates present, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The president of Synod shall be entitled to the privileges of the floor.

The conferences may hold other meetings of an edifying and missionary character as frequently as desired, and for this purpose may subdivide into districts with a chairman for each, elected by the conferences.

4. The officers of the conferences shall be a president and a secretary. The president shall be a minister.

5. The president of each conference, under the direction of the president of Synod, shall have the supervision of the congregations and ministers in the conference, aid in supplying vacant congregations with the means of grace and in securing pastors.

At least three weeks before the meeting of Synod he shall report to the president thereof, his official acts and all matters requiring synodical action.

6. The secretary shall, in addition to his usual duties, act as treasurer. He shall give three weeks' notice, in "The Lutheran," of the time and place of the meetings, and similar notice by mail, to the secretaries of vacant parishes.

7. The president and secretary, with the pastor loci, shall arrange the programme for the conference meetings, and the chairman and pastor loci for the district meetings.

8. The conferences, through their officers shall render brief reports to Synod, for the synodical year.

9. Conferences may adopt for themselves any rules and regulations not in conflict with the constitution and by-laws of Synod.

ARTICLE IX.

Discipline.

1. Ministers and congregations shall be subject to discipline for holding or teaching doctrines contrary to the faith as set forth in Article II., or for conduct or practice incompatible therewith; or for any flagrant or persistent violation of this constitution.

2. Should serious charges of having committed any of the offenses named in Section 1 of this Article be made in writing to a Church Council, against a pastor, by three (3) members in good standing in the congregation, or should he be accused of some specific sin by notorious and lasting rumor, the Church Council shall carefully weigh all the evidence and, if the charges be sustained, shall report the case in writing to the president of Synod.

In case the accused be the president of Synod the vice presidents shall act in the order of their ordination.

Charges may be preferred against a minister by three fellow-ministers in the Synod, but must be in writing, must be specific, must be signed by the complainants and must be submitted to the president.

3. Whenever charges are preferred the president shall appoint four (4) ministers to assist him in investigating the same, two (2) of whom may be selected by the accused if he so desire. At least three weeks before the time of his examination the accused shall be furnished with a copy of the charges and be summoned in writing to appear before the committee. If the committee find him guilty, it shall authorize the president to reprove him or to suspend him from office until the next meeting of the Ministerium which shall investigate and report to Synod and, if the charges be sustained, Synod shall reprimand, suspend or depose him.

A two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present in synodical session shall be necessary to impose suspension and a four-fifths (4-5) vote to depose from office.

4. All relevant testimony shall be heard, and that in the presence of the accused if he so desire. He shall have a right to be heard in his own defence, but should he, without

sufficient excuse, fail to appear, the case shall proceed without him.

5. An appeal from the findings of the Church Council or of the investigating committee may be made to the Synod through the president, who shall refer it to the Ministerium for consideration. In the former case the method of procedure shall be as set forth in Section 3 of this Article.

No appeal shall be entertained unless made in writing, and within sixty (60) days after the rendering of the decision. Both parties concerned shall have written notice of the time and place of the hearing.

6. Should a congregation turn away from the faith as set forth in Article II., or in any way persistently violate this constitution, the Synod shall endeavor to reclaim it; or, failing in this endeavor, Synod may reprimand it, or suspend it, or exclude it from membership.

ARTICLE X.

Appeal of Laymen.

1. A layman under discipline in his congregation may appeal to his conference and from it to the Synod. The appeal shall be made in writing and shall be sent to the presidents, within sixty (60) days after the action appealed from, and at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting of the conference or the Synod. The congregation shall be notified immediately by the president.

2. When an appeal is taken to the conference or Synod, the appellant may select or ask the body to appoint a clerical or lay delegate to conduct his case. The investigation may include the original charges, the constitutionality of the proceedings and the justice of the sentence, but all relevant testimony must be heard, and that in the presence of the appellant if he so desire.

3. A two-thirds (2-3) vote of the conference or the Synod shall be necessary to sustain the appeal.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments.

1. This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Synod by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present, provided such amendment shall have been proposed in writing by five (5) members at a previous annual meeting, and provided also that the doctrinal basis of this Synod, as set forth in Article II. of this constitution, and this final provision, shall never be altered, amended, or modified.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.

Meetings.

1. The opening service of the annual meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday after Trinity Sunday.

2. Each meeting of the Synod shall begin with the Order of Morning Service, including the Holy Communion, preceded by the Order for Public Confession and Absolution. The sermon shall be by the president or some one appointed by him. At this service the Credential Committee shall be announced.

ARTICLE II.

Order of Business.

1. Opening of the Synod according to the Order for Ministerial Acts.

2. Report of the Committee on Credentials, followed by roll call.

3. Determination of hours of business sessions.

4. President's report.

5. Treasurer's report.

6. Election of officers.

7. Appointment of regular committees by the president-elect:

(a). On president's report, three members.

(b). On auditing, two members.

(c). On reception of congregations, three members.

(d). On apportionment, (including traveling expenses), three members.

(e). On excuses, three members.

(f). On examination of protocol and printed minutes, three members.

(g). On reporting for the press, one or more members.

8. Reports of standing committees:

(a). Executive committee.

(b). Conferences.

(c). Delegates to General Council.

(d). Boards of directors of charitable and educational institutions.

(e). Archivarius.

9. Reports of regular and special committees.

10. Election of delegates to General Council and of directors and visitors of synodical institutions.

11. Miscellaneous business; (missions, education, minutes, etc.)

12. Determination of the place of the next meeting.

13. Appointment of examining committee of five; committee on statistics and parochial reports, three members, and archivarius.

14. Reading of the minutes of the closing session.

15. Adjournment.

16. Closing of Synod according to the Order for Ministerial Acts.

(a). Each session shall be opened with a devotional service, and closed with prayer. The roll shall be called and the minutes read at each session.

(b). The president and pastor loci shall arrange for the services, and report through the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE III.

Rules of Order.

The president shall note the names of the persons wishing to speak on any question, and shall grant them the floor in regular order. No person shall speak more than twice on any question, without the consent of Synod.

When required, motions shall be reduced to writing.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be in order except:

To adjourn;
To table;
To close debate;
Which motions are undebatable.

To postpone to a definite time;
To refer;
To amend, divide, or substitute;
To postpone indefinitely;
which motions are debatable, and have precedence in the order named.

Under a motion to refer or amend, debate on the main question is precluded.

At the request of five (5) members, the yeas and nays shall be entered on the minutes.

These Rules of Order shall apply also to the conferences.

All questions not otherwise provided for shall be decided by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV.

Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of the members present, provided the amendment be submitted in writing and lie over one session.

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